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## JAPANESE FEARS OF SOVIET INTERVENTION

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### ANXIETY FOR THREE BRITONS ALLAYED

Hankow, To-day.

Considerable anxiety over the fate of three Britons, who left Hankow early on Saturday morning for Canton by rail, has been allayed by the announcement that they arrived safely last night at their destination.

The men were:

Mr. J. A. R. Kendrew, of Jardine's, who has been in Hankow for the past three years as agent of the firm's insurance department,

Mr. F. R. Berger, accountant of Harrisons, King and Irwin, Ltd., and

Mr. Bould, a Jardine, Matheson engineer,

Jardine's office in Hong Kong put through a phone call to Hankow yesterday afternoon, but Hankow office knew nothing of the men's whereabouts.

#### RAILWAY DAMAGE

In view of intensive bombing of the Canton-Hankow Railway during the week-end, it was thought that the party had probably been held up en route.

Now the three Britons have arrived safely in Canton.

The railway was bombed on Saturday and Sunday over a 100-kilometre section of the track from Canton, and it is not known when repairs will enable the train service to be resumed.—Reuter.

### CHINESE BOMB NANKING

Shanghai, To-day.

Five Chinese bombers raided Nanking at 9 o'clock this morning.

A Japanese spokesman said he had received no report of any damage but claims that one bomber was shot down by Japanese anti-aircraft guns.—Reuter.

### ATTACK ON RUSSIA WITH AN EYE ON BRITAIN

London, To-day.

Soviet military and naval activity in the Far East is causing intense anxiety in Japan, according to the Tokyo correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph."

The correspondent says that the fear that Russia may intervene in China, previously lulled by the belief that the Soviet is crippled by internal troubles, has lately revived.

He says that Japanese newspapers are filled with reports of Soviet preparations.

Statements are published from travellers declaring that they have seen great numbers of

Russian submarines in the Far East.

The campaign in Tokyo newspapers against the Soviet appears to be officially inspired, and is coupled with appeals to Britain to adopt a far sighted policy and realise that the future of Asia is at stake.—Reuter.

(Continued from Next Col.)

between Wuchang and Changsha is not good, but beyond Changsha it improves. The road runs parallel to the railway most of the way.

The pair are taking stores enough for a week.—Reuter.

### NORTH POLE PYROTECHNICS SEEN IN EUROPE

London, To-day.

The most brilliant display of aureora borealis in living memory was visible over the whole of Britain and most of Europe for several hours last night.

Innumerable thousands spent the evening watching the glow which spread out in a huge arc of diffused colours with shafts of vivid blue, while lights were pulsating across.

Many, imagining a terrific conflagration, summoned fire brigades, and in one case people thought that Windsor Castle was on fire.

#### HAVOC IN RADIO

Paris-London air line pilots circled several times to give passengers an opportunity of watching the spectacle.

Havoc was played with short wave radio and tape machines and telegraphs developed unaccountable faults.

Many were fascinated by the phenomenon like variegated rockets, and thought that new anti-aircraft apparatus was being tried out, while reports from the Continent, notably from Portugal, describe superstitious watchers awe-stricken at the unwonted visitation.—Reuter.

### BRITON LEAVES HANKOW FOR CANTON BY CAR

Hankow, To-day.

An interesting trip by motor-car is being commenced to-day by two Britons who are leaving Wuchang at dawn for Canton.

They are

Captain C. R. Boxer, of the Lincolnshire Regiment, who is G.S.O. 3 in Hong Kong, who arrived in Hankow from the Colony ten days ago, and

Mr. Charlton, a Russian, adopted son of Mr. Charlton, formerly of the A.P.C. in Shanghai.

Mr. Charlton arrived in Hankow on Monday night from Kiukiang, from which he drove his car, and spent yesterday in overhauling the vehicle.

The two men are setting out this morning and hope to make Changsha in about eighteen hours.

#### STORES FOR A WEEK

It is understood that the road

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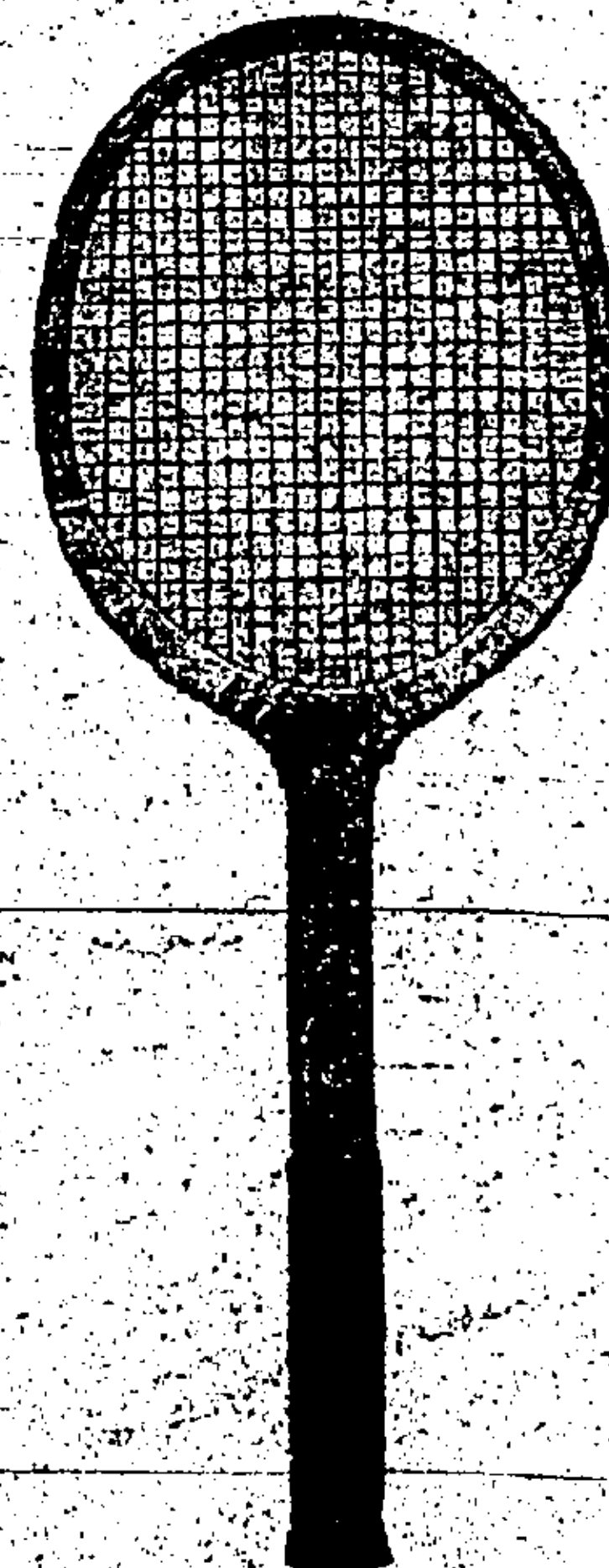
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# JILL

## Her Character

When Jill told you something, blue eyes sparkling, words tumbling over each other, you were inadvertently reduced to a state of credulity, in spite of the still small voice of common sense.

Jill would say, "I like things that don't tell you everything, and then you have to imagine what it's like."

As Jill neared five, her mother began to see the inconvenient side of this vivid imagination.

When Jill said that she had had lunch with the upper school, sitting next to her big brother Jack, no amount of disbelief or argument would shake her.

### Was She Lying?

When at breakfast she asked, "Will you have a piece of my orange, Mummy?" and it was pointed out that there was none on her plate, her insistence that it was a "huge one" made her mother fear that her mind was becoming deranged.

More than once Jill rushed out of the house to meet her mother with some alarming yarn, full of circumstantial detail, of an accident in the house during her absence.

Both relieved and distressed to find it untrue, she felt impelled to lecture Jill on the consequences of lying. Jill's face clouded and she shed a few miserable tears, obviously at sea as to what she had done to bring all this about.



Soon the family began to take it for granted that "You can't believe a word Jill says."

## Her Parents' Part

With a child of Jill's calibre one thing is certain—lectures on lying and punishments are misplaced. Jill has no conscious intent to deceive. Imputing such motives to her will puzzle her, and reproaches only make her unhappy, with the result that she will need more than ever her world of make-believe as a refuge from an increasingly uncomfortable world of reality.

### Day-Dreaming

Jill is, after all, like the rest of us, only more naive, in her day-dreaming. So far as she is

concerned, the wish is often very pleasantly father to the thought, as when she imagines she is sharing the more grown-up life of her brother.

Some of these "tall stories" compensate her for her helplessness and feelings of inferiority. Others may be a way of working through violent feelings; taking pleasure in the creative power of words, or arise out of aspects of development and character more difficult to trace.

Her mother rightly feels that if this propensity were to persist it would bode ill for Jill's future. The time factor and a sensible attitude at the moment should prevent this.

Her mother should join Jill in the game of make-believe, but show her by an untroubled and

## And Her World Of Make-Believe

whimsical attitude that she does not take it all too seriously.

A finale of loving twinkle, a phrase indicating that they both know it is really a game, may be sometimes used to get Jill gently to earth.

For instance, comparing her non-existent orange with your non-existent grape fruit will bring the game laughingly into its right perspective.

Indirectly, Jill's attitude to life will be improved by making it actually as satisfactory for her as can be. Balance up her feelings of inferiority and frustration by seeing that she has things to do which give her satisfaction through a sense of successful achievement and responsibility.

### Needs To Achieve

Many opportunities of doing this will, no doubt, suggest themselves to her mother in the routine of the home and through her play and friendships. Definite channels for imaginative expression and make-believe, such as drawing, stories, poems, games, acting, and dressing up, should go hand in hand with this.

As Jill grows and learns to write, read, and do more things, her need for day-dreaming will diminish and her flights of imagination tend to confine themselves to the more usual channels.

# A Swiss Design In Knitted Lace

Lace mats look delightful beneath glass or for polished table tops. Here is an edelweiss design which is Swiss and is knitted on four needles.

A set of these make a delightful gift, and they have many decorative uses in the home.

### EDELWEISS DESIGN

#### MATERIALS:

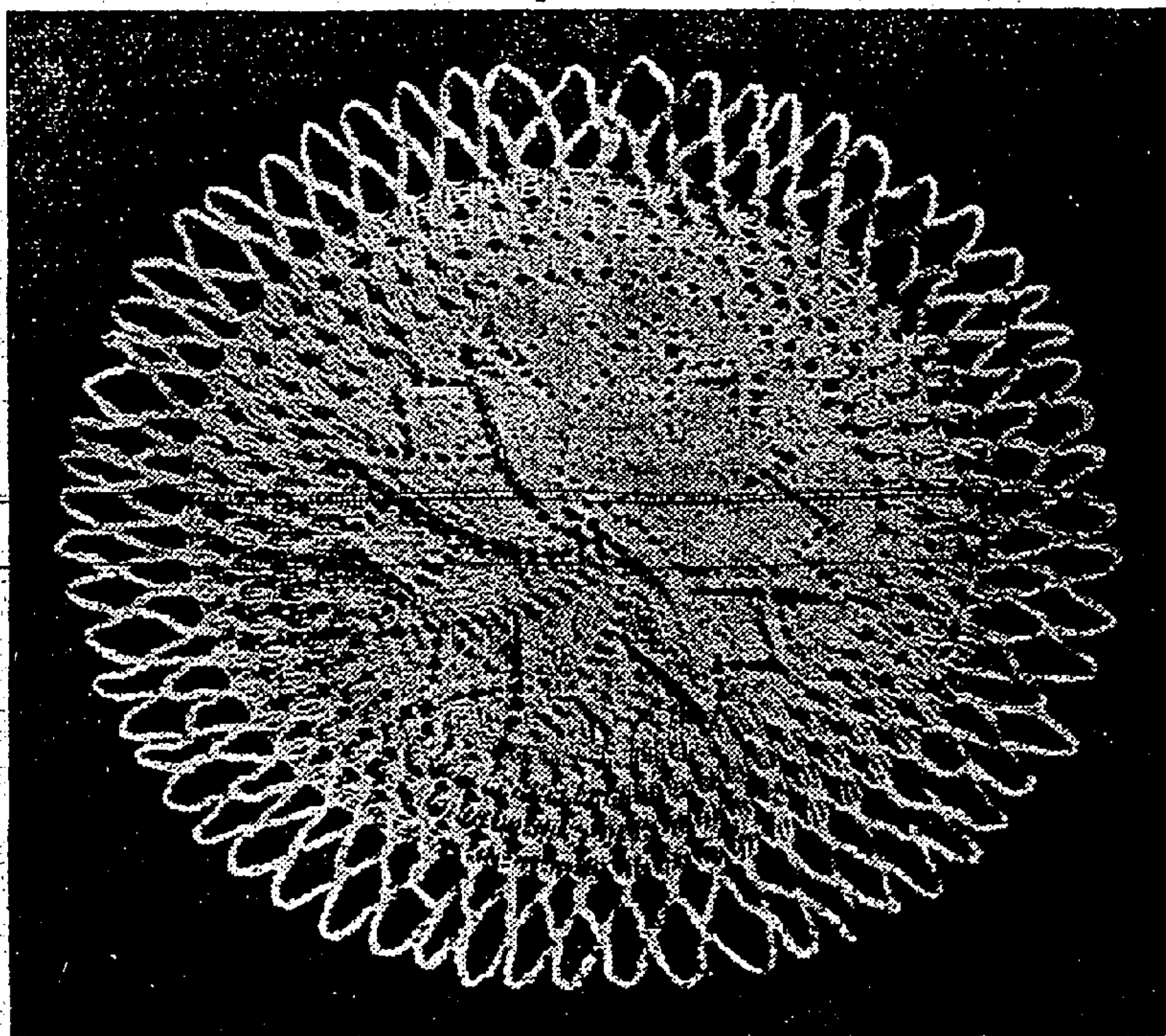
- 5 steel needles No. 18.
- 1 ball of white or tinted crochet cotton No. 50.
- 1 crochet hook No. 4½.
- Cast on 8 sts., on four needles (2 on each), and knit one row.

#### ABBREVIATIONS:

- a = slip one, knit one, slip the first over the second one.
- b = knit 2 together.
- c = knit 3 together.
- d = pull cotton forward over needle.
- k = knit one.

#### ROWS:

- 1st.—d, k 1, repeat to end of row.
- 2nd.—Knit to end of row.
- 3rd.—d, k 2, repeat to end of row.
- 4th.—Knit to end of row.
- 5th.—d, k 3. Repeat to end of row.
- 6th.—Knit to end of row.
- 7th.—d, k 4. Repeat to end of row.
- 8th.—Knit to end of row.
- 9th.—d, k 5. Repeat to end of row.
- 10th.—Knit to end of row.
- 11.—d, k 6. Repeat to end of row.
- 12.—Knit.
- 13th.—d, k 7. Repeat to end of row.
- 14th.—Knit.
- 15th.—d, k 8. Repeat to end of row.
- 16th.—Knit.
- 17th.—d, k 1, d, a, k 6. Repeat to end of row.
- 18th.—Knit.
- 19th.—d, k 3, d, a, k 5. Repeat to end of row.
- 20th.—Knit.



- d, a, k 1. Repeat to end of row.
- 23th.—Knit.
- 29th.—d, k 3, d, a, k 1, b, d, k 3, d, a. Repeat to end of row.
- 30th.—Knit.
- 31st.—d, k 5, d, c, d, k 5, d, k 1. Repeat.
- Knit 4 rounds, 1 round d, a, d, a.
- Knit 4 rounds, 1 round d, a, d, a.
- Knit 4 rounds.

Then make chain-stitching edge with the crochet-hook; take 3 sts. at the time with the crochet-hook off the needle, and make loops of 10 sts. each, all round the mat. The 2nd row of chain-stitching is to be made as follows:

Make the 10 sts. for the loop and pull cotton through the first loop, each time, until you meet the beginning of the 2nd chain-stitch-row again.

\* \* \*

Take mat, clear the cottons at beginning and end on wrong side (work with needle up and down, not sideways).

Wash in a little Lux and soak in sugar and water (two tablespoonfuls of sugar to ½ pint of hot water) overnight. Let sugar melt first before you put in the mat.

Draw a circle on a clean bread or pastry board about ¾ in. larger than the mat and insert a pin in every loop of the second chain-row. It must be even to form a perfect circle. Otherwise the circle will be odd.

NOTE.—If a thicker mat is desired, as illustrated, use a heavier crochet cotton.

- 21st.—d, k 5, d, a, k 4. Repeat
- 22nd.—Knit.
- 23rd.—d, k 7, d, a, k 3. Repeat
- 24th.—Knit.
- 25th.—d, a, k 5, b, d, a, k 2. Repeat
- 26th.—Knit.
- 27th.—d, k 1, d, a, k 3, b, d, k 1.



# From Head--

**SOMEONE** should introduce London's leading milliners to London's leading restaurant managers. This would be a kindness to all concerned, for it is high time they got together and had a heart-to-heart talk.

The present situation is this. The milliners are creating the most seductive evening hats, and the restaurant managers are upholding an unwritten law that no woman may bring shame to their restaurants and dance-floors by appearing in a hat after dark. They seem to consider that a woman is no lady if she wears a hat with her evening clothes. They have not, as yet learnt to see eye to eye with the dress-makers and milliners who have created millinery especially to wear with dinner gowns and restaurant frocks.

Having collected these opposing forces together, an arbitrator should address the restaurant managers thus: "Gentlemen, try and visualise the hats I am about to describe to you. Imagine that the ladies are wearing them with or the evening; and there are evening dress, and then try to deny that they would lend tone to your restaurant at supper time."

Agee Thaarup could safely sell any one of his new evening hats with a guarantee that it would ensure a glamorous restaurant

head. Vivienne Leigh has this model. Will she have enough courage to wear it in the evening?

A tiny pointed velvet bonnet tied under the chin with velvet ribbons has an imitation osprey bird at the centre front which forms the brim.

Then there is a tiny black felt hat looking very much like a diminutive chimney pot covered

## Hats And Shoes That Bring Glamour

### Good Town Hat

One of the best-looking town hats is in black felt with a large



The richness of the dress salons is finding its way into this season's millinery models. Velvet in a warm chestnut tone fashions the turban, which features both the upward and forward movements. Imitation osprey swirls luxuriously to cover a shallow felt foundation, while gold sequins embroider the net veil of the black felt chimney-pot shape.

# --To Foot

dinner or supper. There is a huge black velvet supper hat as flat as a pancake perched on one side of the head, with velvet ribbon wired in loops breaking the circle. A tiny black velvet shoe-brim tilted over the eyes has a band of sequins around the crown, which is not more than half an inch high, and a bow of lace veiling at the back of the

brim turned up on one side and down on the other, and a squarish crown covered with veiling which is tied in a bow with streamers. Clare Luce has chosen this.

Jeff also has reason to wish that the restaurant managers would soften their hearts in favour of evening hats. His hats are quite charming. They were snapped up by the American

buyers and are now being sold in the States from coast to coast. One black velvet evening hat with the enormous brim turned up on the side and way down on the other has a silver fox brush placed on the upturned brim, while a flat velvet hat with an upturned saucer brim has an ostrich feather mount on one side.

A mid-Victorian hat with a fairly high crown is made in soft black velour and has an ostrich feather in the centre front. Of his day hats one of the most charming is the "Dutch boy" model sketched, and is in black felt with a hole at the top and a band of astrakhan. It can be worn with or without the veil.

A good tailor-made hat is in black felt with the brim turned down in front and the tall crown topped by a skein of pale pink wool. Another fairly tall hat has the crown cut in spiral effect and is in a dull shade of mauve felt. A black felt is shaped like a chef's hat, with a veil thrown over the top; and a charming little black velvet toque has a white feather motif.

### "The Sweep"

The Hugh Beresford hat sketched is called "The Sweep." The foundation is of felt, and the swirl like a sweep's brush is of imitation osprey. An enormous black velvet tam o' shanter worn at a rakish angle has a sapphire blue ostrich mount shaped like a fox's head. A black felt hat cut in the fashion of a cockscomb has two flame-coloured feather mounts at the front. A tall position hat in black felt has bands of suede, orange on one side and grass green on the other. This

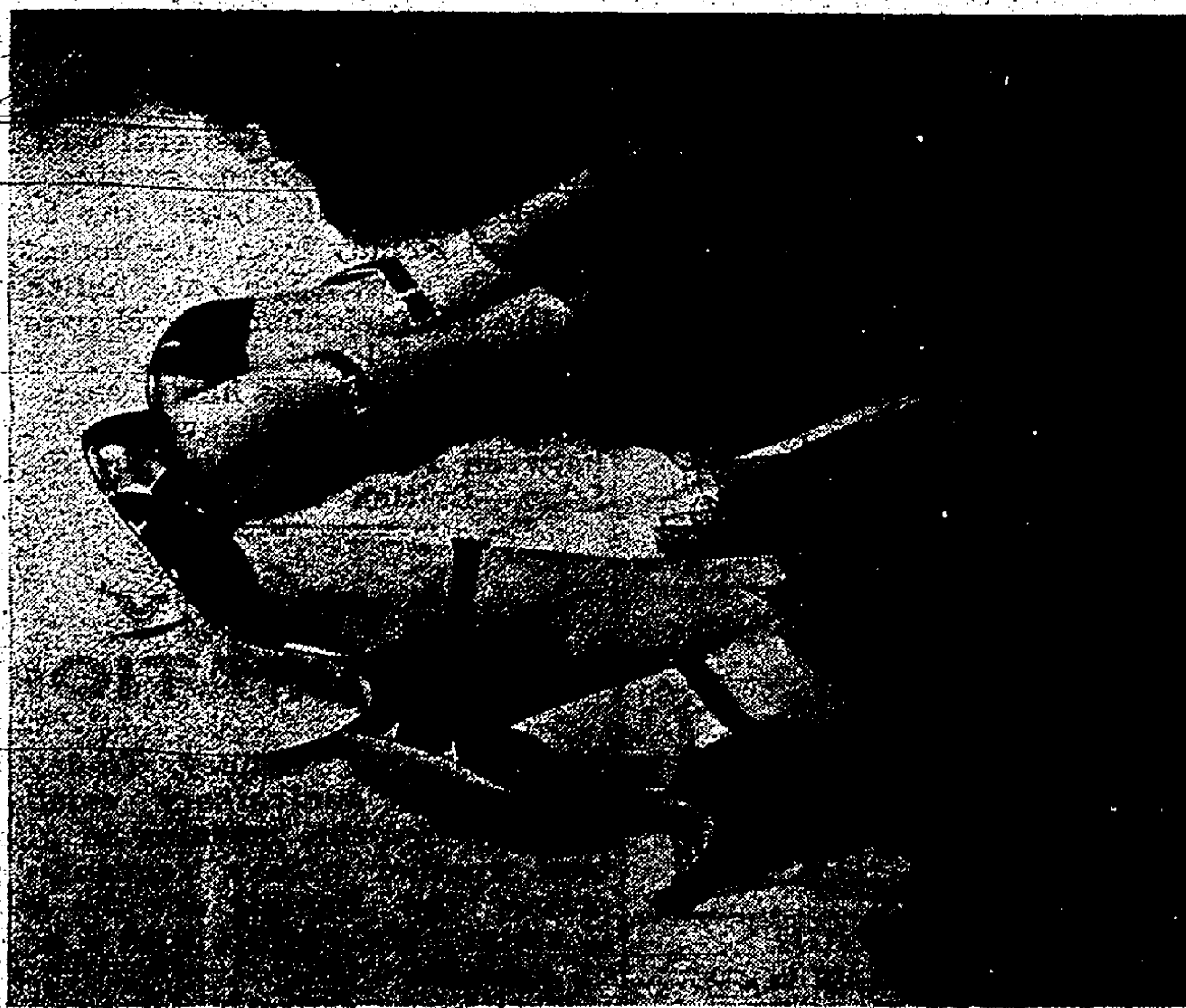


### Your Child's Tongue, And What It Indicates.

If your child is peevish, discontented and does not wish to play, then look at her tongue for the colour of this is a reliable guide to the condition of the stomach. The tongue should be red and clean, denoting a healthy state of the internal organs. If it is white, or covered with a yellowish fur, it tells that the stomach is disordered, which throws the whole system out of gear, and what is needed to set matters right is a dose of Baby's Own Tablets.

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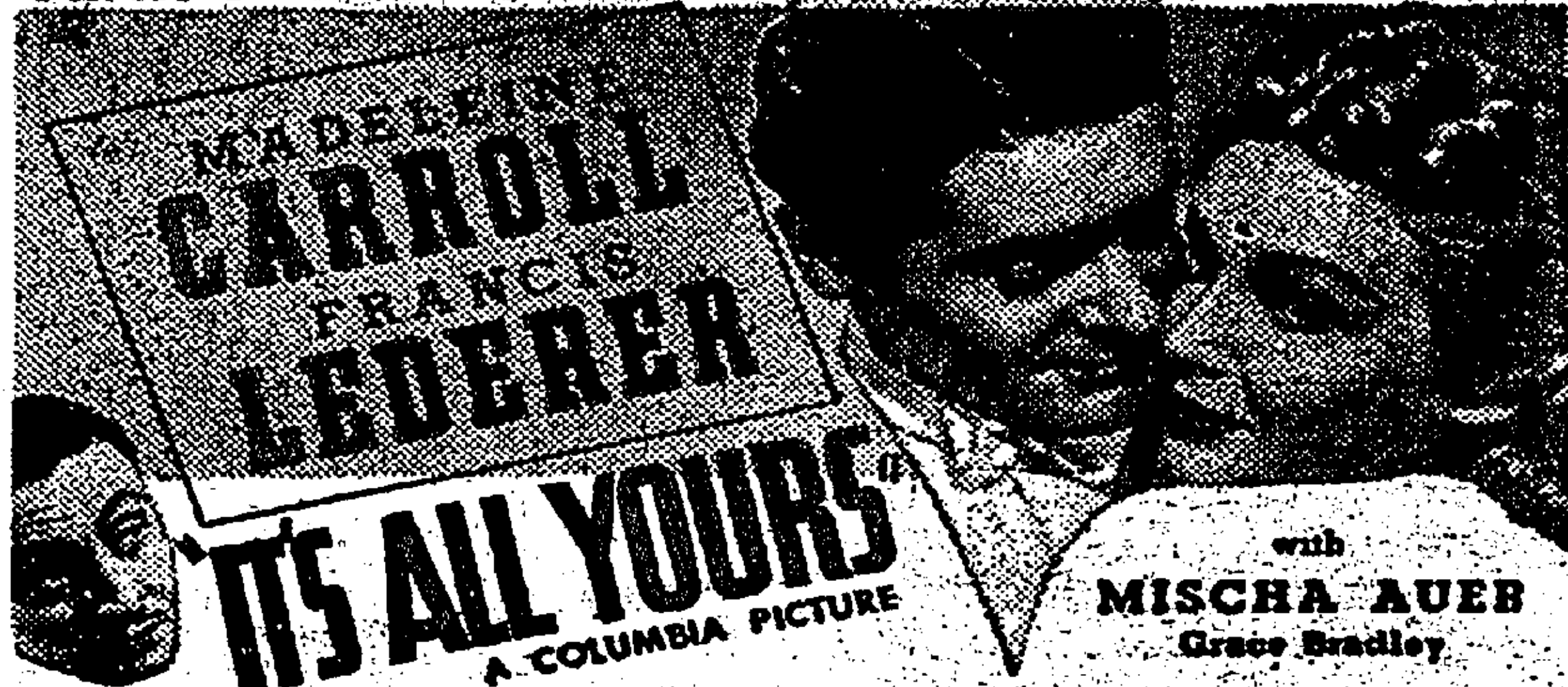


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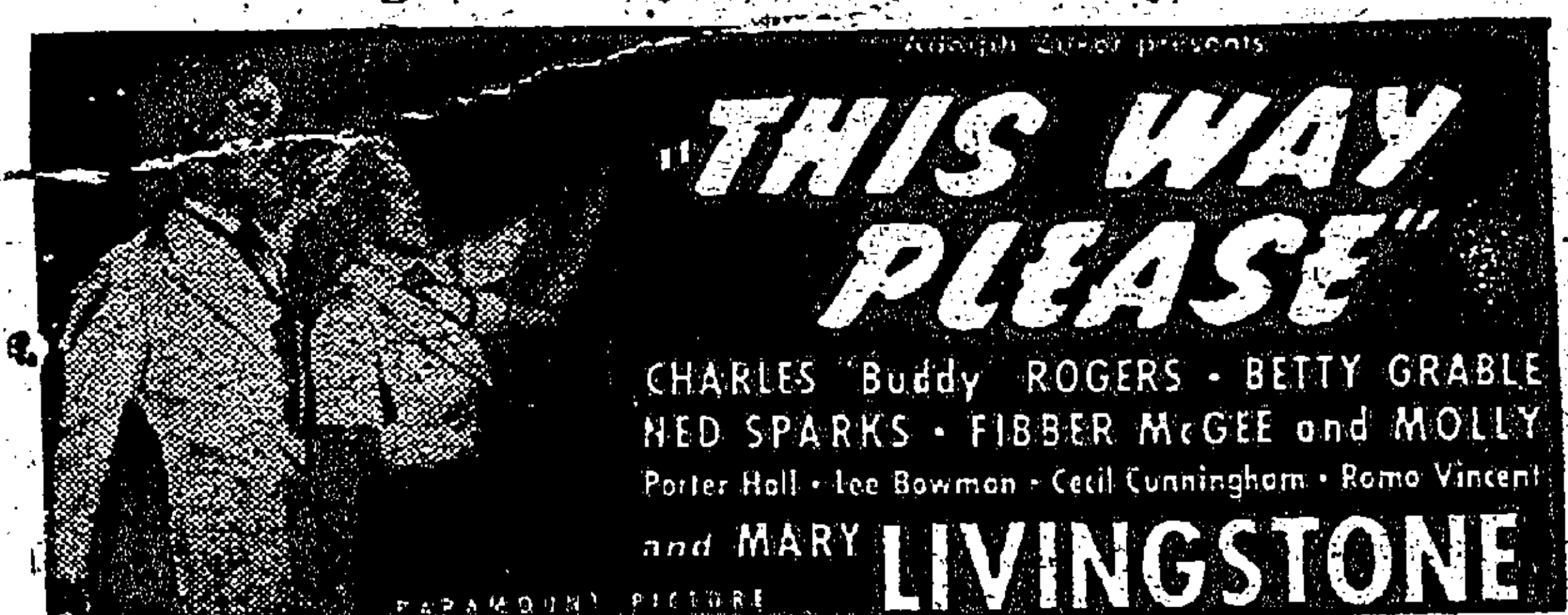
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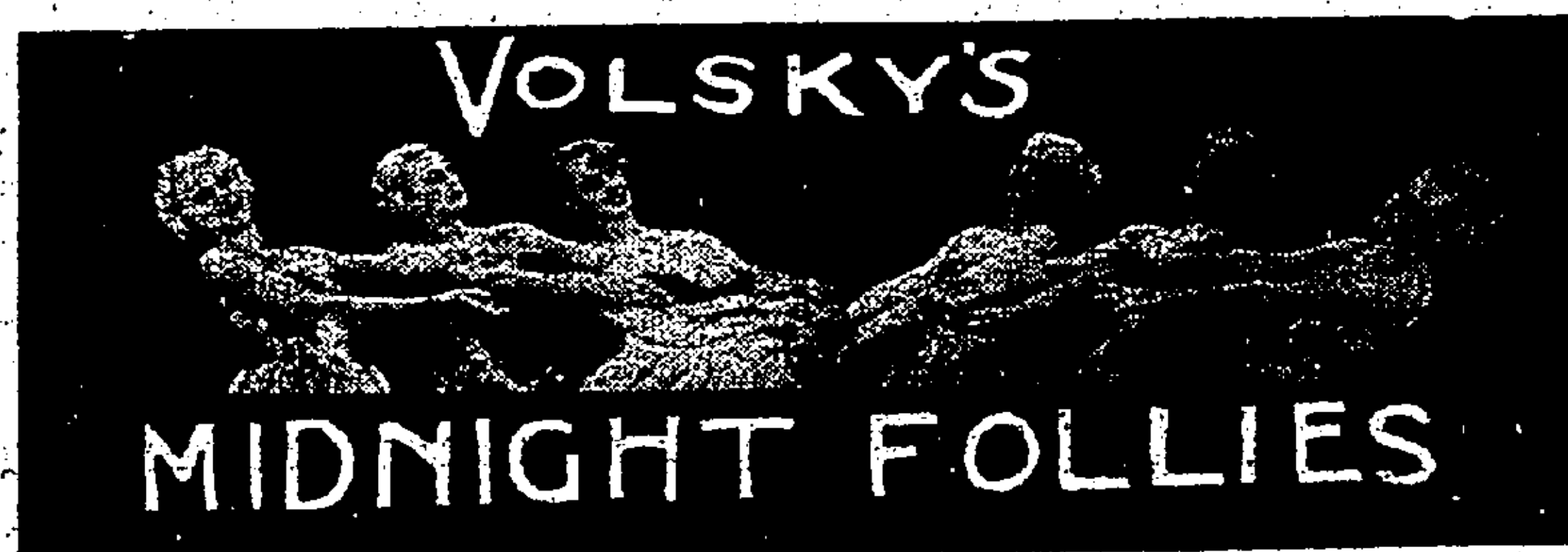
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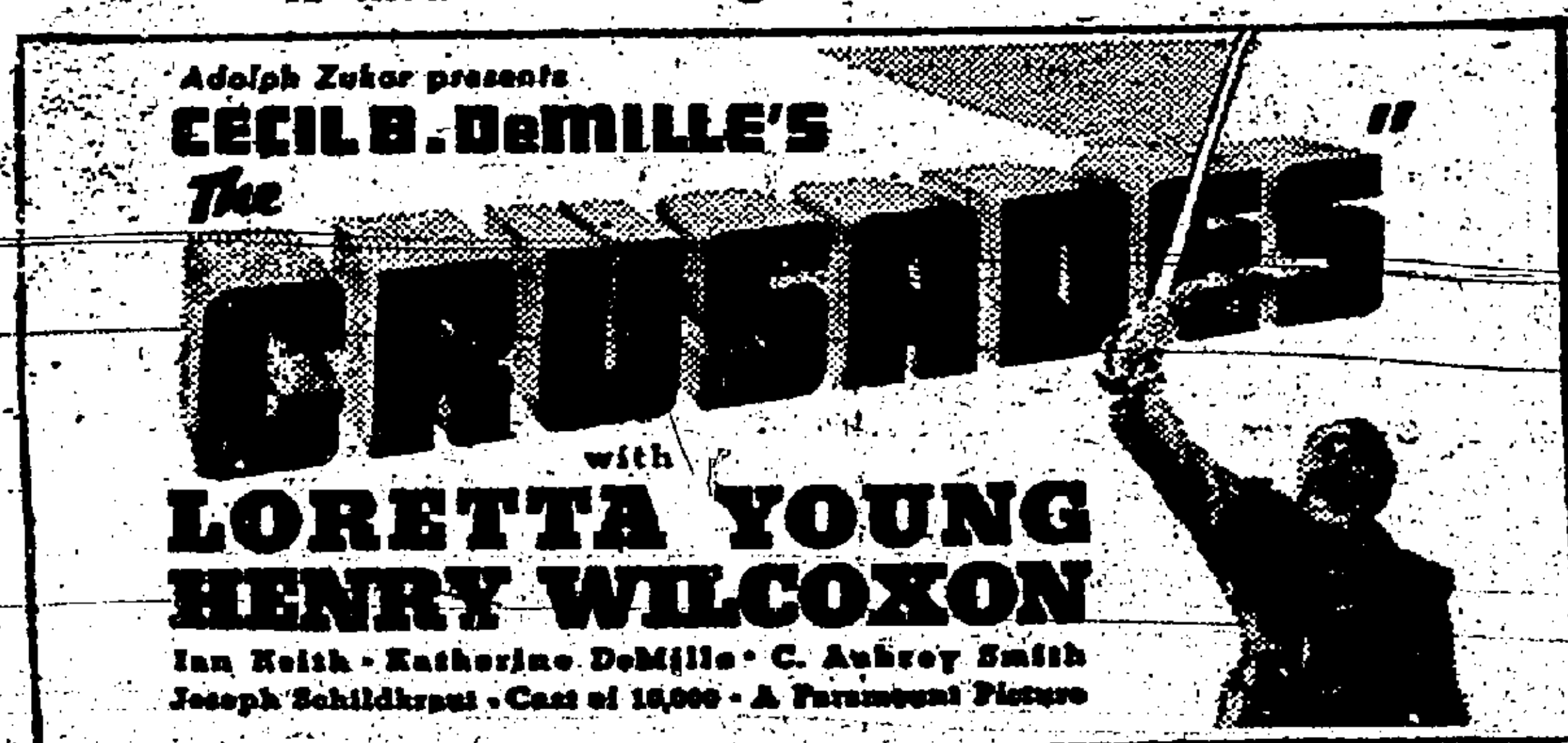


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## KING VISITING R.A.F. COLLEGE

London, To-day.

The King is visiting the Royal Air Force College at Cranwell in Lincolnshire to-day and if the weather is suitable he will make the journey from Sandringham by air in a special aeroplane placed at his disposal by the Air Council.

The King will be piloted by Wing-Commander Fielden, Captain of the King's Flight. British Wire-  
less.

## THIRTY-FIVE SMALLPOX DEATHS

There were 35 deaths out of 43 cases of smallpox reported to the local Health Authorities in the week ended at midnight on Saturday.

Thirty-three cases occurred in Victoria, five in Kowloon, three in Aberdeen and two in Shaukiwan.

In the same period there were also ten deaths out of seventeen cases of dysentery, while 35 deaths from tuberculosis were reported.

# MARSHAL VOROSHILOFF'S FAR EAST TOUR

Moscow, To-day.

The Soviet War Commissar, Marshal Voroshilov, will shortly start on his long-announced tour of inspection in the Far East, after prolonged consultations with Stalin and Marshal Blucher (Red Army chief in the Far East) concerning the forthcoming manoeuvres of the Far Eastern army.

Marshal Voroshilov will visit the frontier between Soviet Russia and Mongolia, and in this connection it is reported that several officers are being specially trained for service in the Mongolian army.

The Mongol forces, declare Russian officers, is as well-equipped and prepared for war as any European army could be.

Pride of the Mongol forces is their 100,000 cavalry. — Trans-Ocean.

## CHINESE MAKE PROGRESS ON TSINING FRONT

Hankow, To-day.

The Chinese forces' advance on Tsining is being continued according to reports from the Chinese front.

On the Wuhu front stubborn fighting is being continued. Chinese and Japanese troops were engaged in sanguinary hand-to-hand fighting yesterday morning but no ground seems to have been gained by either side.

The Chinese were supported by the air force which, in co-operation with the artillery, bombarded concentrations of Japanese troops near Wuhu.

Japanese warships on the Yangtse shelled Chinese positions between Wuhu and Lukang and are said to have inflicted losses upon the Chinese. — Trans-Ocean.

## CLOUDY, COLDER

The Royal Observatory reports that an anticyclone of considerable intensity has developed over China, and a deep depression is moving eastward across Hokkaido. Local forecast: — N. and N.E. winds fresh; fine to cloudy, colder.

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## LANE CRAWFORD'S CHARGE THREE OF STAFF

Wong Lau, salesman, Lam Tung, delivery coolie, and Chan Chiu, coolie, all employed by Lane, Crawford's, were this morning charged with conspiracy to defraud the company of \$4.08 the proceeds of the sale of some cakes.

First defendant was represented by Mr. P. Y. Woo and allowed bail in \$200. The case was fixed to be heard on February 7.

Sub-Inspector Whant said the case was very involved and would involve a lot of enquiries. Although the present charge was a small one, further enquiries might involve larger amounts and prove a system of fraud.

## MISS STELLA LEE TO WED

Mr. Frank Grose, architect, residing at No. 55, Conduit Road, has announced that his marriage to Miss Stella Lee, of No. 56, Caine Road, will take place shortly.

The forthcoming wedding of Mr. Ahmed Allan Khan, cameraman, of No. 21, Thorne Road, Shanghai, and Miss Finney Lee, of No. 33, Van Chong Street, Kweilin, Kwangsi, has also been announced.

## SCILLY ISLES ON THE 'PHONE

London, To-day.

The Postmaster General will inaugurate a telephone service between the mainland and the Scilly Isles on Friday by a telephone talk from the post office at Salisbury to the new telephone exchange in the Scilly Isles.

The new service has been made possible by a short-wave radio link between Penzance and the Scilly Isles. — British Wireless.

## SYDNEY CELEBRATION

Sydney, To-day.

The 150th anniversary celebrations opened this morning in glorious weather with a pageant enacting the landing of the first Governor, Mr. Phillip, with a band of convicts.

This was followed by a great cavalcade depicting historical events, personages and industries. — Reuter.



# Roosevelt Warns American Industry

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt, at a press conference yesterday, emphasised that he was opposed to wage reductions because the markets of American industry depend on the purchasing power of the working population, which must be increased, and not decreased, if they wanted to restore prosperity.

There might be a special hourly wage situation in some building trades requiring different treatment, but even there the primary purpose was to increase, and not to decrease, the total annual pay of workers.

In regard to prices, he said that mass production in industry depended on the volume for profits, and the only way to obtain volume was to produce goods at a price the public would pay, but that did not mean that such a price reductions could come out of wages.

## PPESIDENT'S WARNING

If industries reduced wages this Winter and Spring, they would deliberately encourage withholding of buying, foster the downward spiral and make it necessary for the Government to consider other means of creating purchasing power.

President Roosevelt said he made the statement because a few industries were in the process of reducing wages in some sections, and there had been rumours of lower wages elsewhere.—Reuter.

## MANCHUKUO MINISTER TO ROME

Tokyo, To-day.

Mr. Hsu Shao-hsiang, the newly-appointed Manchukuo Minister to Rome, is leaving Hsinking with his staff in the middle of February.—Reuter.

## PALESTINE'S HIGH COMMISSIONER

London, To-day.

Sir Harold MacMichael, retiring Governor of Tanganyika, is returning to London by air from Nairobi.

He will later proceed to Palestine, where he was recently appointed High Commissioner.—Reuter.

## POLICE CAPTURE AT SAIKUNG

The Water Police made a capture last night in the vicinity of Sai Kung.

No. 1 Police launch was patrolling at 7.15 p.m. some distance from the shore. Watching a junk, they saw four men get into a sampan and make for shore.

The Police boarded the junk and searched it. They found a quantity of large, long knives. They then set off in pursuit of the sampan which, however, reached shore before the Police could reach it.

A chase took place and one man was arrested but the other three escaped. The junk, sampan and the arrested man were brought to Hong Kong last night.

## TALE OF DESTRUCTION IN TSINGTAO

Tokyo, To-day.

The cable service between Tsingtao and Sasebo and Kyusgu was restored yesterday, according to Japanese despatches from Tsingtao.

Tracks and bridges on the Shantung railways, destroyed by the Chinese near Weihaiwei, are being repaired by Japanese engineers corps, and are expected to be completed early in February.

Despatches state that damage suffered by Japanese residents from Chinese looting is estimated to exceed 500,000,000 yen, including destruction of nine cotton mills in Tsingtao and the Shantung Railway, on which a Japanese loan of 40,000,000 yen is secured.—Reuter.

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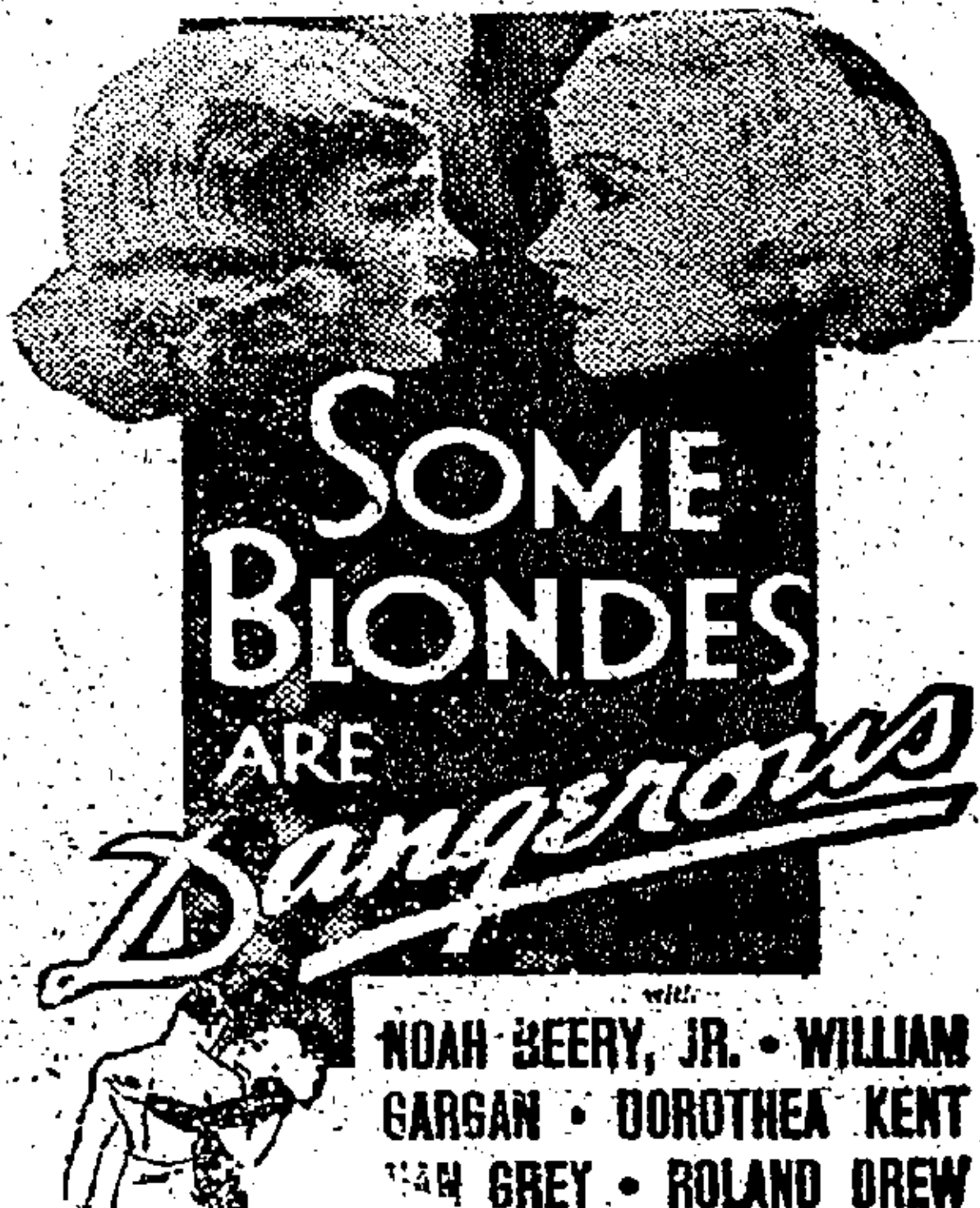


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## CHIANG KAI-SHEK GRANTS INTERVIEW: NO OFFENSIVE UNTIL END OF FEBRUARY

Berlin, To-day.

An interview with General Chiang Kai-shek, which is remarkably sympathetic to China, published in the “Deutsche Allgemeine Zeitung” from its special correspondent in Hankow, refutes the view entertained in many German circles, and often expressed in the German press, that China is under Communist influence.

The correspondent speaks of the Generalissimo's anti-Communist campaign, denies that Communism influences political affairs in China and quotes General Chiang as saying that guerilla warfare is being prepared by the Chinese forces.

No sort of offensive is possible at present, the Generalissimo is alleged to have said, but reorganisation and filling up of the Chinese divisions will be completed by the end of February.—Reuter.

## NEW SOVIET AMBASSADOR'S ESCAPE

London, To-day.

The new Soviet Ambassador to China, M. Luganets-Orelsky, who had presented his credentials to President Lin Sen at Chungking on Monday, escaped death by a hair's breadth on his return flight to Hankow, according to despatches from the Yangtse port.

The plane placed at the Ambassador's disposal by the Chinese Government had to make an emergency landing at Ichang.

Just when the plane had landed, the airfield was bombed by Japanese planes.

One bomb exploded in the immediate vicinity of the Ambassador and his companions, some of whom are reported to have been wounded.—Trans-Ocean.

## “FEDERAL” CREW LEAVING SHIP

San Francisco, To-day.

The Chinese crew of the steamer “Federal” are leaving for New York to join another ship, and a new non-Chinese crew are manning the ship.

A member of the original crew, interviewed by Reuter, said: “We left Hong Kong thinking we were to carry medical supplies from America to Shanghai.”

“We would be shot as Chinese in Japan, and if we escaped we would be shot as traitors in China. That's why we refuse to sail on the ‘Federal.’”

The “Federal” is carrying scrap-iron for Japan.—Reuter.

## FOREIGN POLICY TALKS IN PARIS

Paris, To-day.

The Foreign Minister, M. Yvon Delbos, yesterday received the Polish Ambassador and the Belgian Minister and discussed problems of the League Council meeting.

M. Delbos also received a Jewish deputation which asked the Minister to obtain from Rumania an assurance that the Minority Agreement of 1919 would be respected.

They also asked that the matter be included in the League Council agenda and treated as urgent.—Trans-Ocean.

## SINGAPORE WAR MANOEUVRES

Singapore, To-day.

With the arrival of Vice-Admiral L. G. E. Crabbe, Commander-in-Chief, China Squadron, and Vice-Admiral the Hon. Sir Alexander Ramsay, Commander-in-Chief, East India, the stage is set for commencement of the most extensive manoeuvres ever staged at Singapore.

The exercises are scheduled to start on February 2 for the purpose of testing the various defences, and the warships and aircraft participating in the manoeuvres have now all assembled in Singapore.

The planes, number 110, comprise 36 local planes, 20 from the aircraft-carrier H.M.S. Eagle and 54 from Iraq and India, while the warships, which total twenty, include three sloops of the Royal Indian Navy, H.M.S. Eagle, the submarine mother-ship H.M.S. Medway and ten submarines from China.

### 10,000 TROOPS

In addition, the 10,000 troops include the Malay and Punjabi Regiments, who will take part in the exercises, during which land batteries of 18-inch and 15-inch guns will go into action for the first time.

Vice-Admiral Sir Alexander Ramsay, who is a son-in-law of the Duke of Connaught, is commanding the naval forces; Major-General W. G. Dobbie, G.O.C., Malaya, is in charge of military forces, and Air-Marshal Tedder, air officer commanding R.A.F. in the Far East, is commanding units of the air force in the defending forces.

Following the exercises, the newly-completed dock at the Singapore naval base will be opened.—Reuter.

## GEN. WEYGAND UNWELL

Paris, To-day.

General Weygand, former commander-in-chief of the French Army, who has been suffering from poor health for some time, has been taken to hospital where he will undergo an operation.

Doctors say that his condition is not such as to cause alarm.—Trans-Ocean.



# NAVY AND ARMY EXPANSION IN UNITED STATES FORESHADOWED

## President Roosevelt Calls National Defence Parley

### Special Message To Congress In A Few Days

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt held a conference yesterday afternoon with members of the House of Representatives naval and military appropriations committees, which has given rise to reports that the President is considering broadening of the naval building programme as well as expansion of the army.

Mr. Andrew J. May, member of the House military committee, earlier had stated: "The whole defence lay-out will be under discussion."

Mr. Fred M. Vinson, of the naval committee, said he expected the President's Message to Congress would embrace the entire national defence.

After the conference, leaders stated that President Roosevelt was sending a special Message to Congress in a few days dealing in broad phrases with national defence.

Mr. May declared that the conference considered all sections of defence, including aircraft.—Reuter.

#### GETTING READY

Washington, To-day.

President Roosevelt stated at a press conference yesterday that his defence Message to Congress would be ready on Thursday or Friday.

Representative Taylor, chairman of the House appropriations committee, said the Message would not be startling but added: "The United States is getting ready to defend itself."

Mr. Taylor stated that the conference with President Roosevelt was characterised "by general determination to brace up our preparedness."—Reuter.

### BARCELONA AGAIN BOMBED

Barcelona, To-day.

Barcelona was again bombed yesterday morning when twelve insurgent planes dropped thirty bombs in the central and southern part of the city, killing 30 and wounding over 50.

The attack lasted a couple of minutes, and the inhabitants had hardly time to seek cover, so sudden was the appearance of the raiders.—Reuter.

### Another Hankow Refugee Train For Kikunshan Residents

Hankow, To-day.

Efforts are being made to arrange another refugee train to leave for the south in the first week of February.

The train will carry some seventy inhabitants, mostly missionaries of Kikunshan, the popular mountain resort 125 miles up the Peiping-Hankow Railway from Hankow.

The railway authorities are trying to allocate three coaches, which are all that are available at present.

An enquiry was received in Hankow yesterday evening from Ichang asking accommodation in this train for an unstated number of persons desiring to evacuate the river port.—Reuter.

### SWEDEN AID FOR WAR VICTIMS

Stockholm, To-day.

A meeting presided over by Sven Hedin, the veteran Swedish explorer, yesterday decided to issue a nationwide appeal for funds for necessities and medical stores for Chinese war victims.—Reuter.

### RADIO WAR IN ARABIC BROADCASTS

London, To-day.

The British Broadcasting Corporation's Arabic broadcasts are being continually interfered with by a "mysterious foreign station" which apparently is systematically endeavouring to prevent reception of the British broadcasts, according to the "Daily Mail."

The paper asserts that the foreign station's interference is on the same wave as that used by the B.B.C. and invariably sets in as soon as the British broadcasts begin, thus rendering clear reception of the British service practically impossible.

The paper goes on to refer to the "significant fact" that at the time of the Arabic transmissions, broadcasts of the Italian official wireless service exactly coincide with that of the British broadcast.—Trans-Ocean.



Harry MacDonald, a young carpenter from the North, has come down to Woolmer Green, Herts, to create a new industry. He makes all kinds of grotesque figures out of tree trunks, etc. for decorating gardens. Harry is making quite a success of this new venture, which is a great attraction, especially to travellers who stop on the road to gaze at these interesting objects. Photo shows Mr. MacDonald with some of his novel rustic work. A hunter and a stag. (Copyright).

### ECONOMIC LEAGUE OF NATIONS

London, To-day.

The plan of an "Economic League of Nations" to include the United States is disclosed in the "Evening Standard" in connection with the forthcoming meeting of the League Council in Geneva.

The "Economic League of Nations," the paper suggests, should assemble once a year but not at Geneva and would be entirely independent of the existing League

### FROM ROME TO RIO

Rome, To-day.

Actual flying time of the two Italian planes from Rome to Rio de Janeiro, where they arrived yesterday, was 39 hours 35 minutes.

One of the planes was piloted by Bruno Mussolini, son of the Duce.—Reuter.

which, however, would be charged with taking preliminary steps for its creation.—Trans-Ocean.

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# ECONOMIC ALLIANCE AGAINST JAPAN

## International Labour Groups Urging Action

### Mr. Clement Attlee Heads Delegation To Premier

London, To-day.

The Prime Minister yesterday received a deputation from the National Council of Labour, representing the Trades Union Congress, and the national executive committees of the Labour Party and the Parliamentary Labour Party. Mr. Clement Attlee, heading the deputation, stated the views of organised British Labour regarding the course the Government should take in relation to "Japan's aggression in China."

A communique is probably being stantial loan. issued later.—Reuter.

The Japanese Corporation for Foreign Trade, registered in Manchukuo, and the Heavy Industries Development Corporation of Japan has despatched emissaries to Europe and the United States to seek credits.—Reuter.

### CREDIT EMBARGO SUGGESTED

The Prime Minister, who was accompanied by Lord Cranborne, received yesterday a deputation from the National Council of Labour, which laid before Mr. Chamberlain the Council's views upon the situation in the Far East resulting from the conduct between China and Japan.

The deputation was introduced by Mr. Attlee, Opposition Leader,

### NEW BOAT FOR LIGHT BLUES

London, To-day.  
Cambridge University are building a new boat for the Boat Race in April.

The Dark Blues, however, appear to be satisfied with the boat which won the Race last year, as they are not building a new craft.—Reuter.

and the speakers were Sir Walter Citrine, Mr. George Dallas and Mr. Noel Baker, who, after referring to the resolutions passed by the Labour Party, the Trade Union Congress and the International Labour movement urged that the British Government should take the lead in effective concerted action by the Powers especially concerned with the object of bringing the conflict to an end.

The speakers referred to the prohibition of loans and credits, an embargo on imports and exports of war materials in this connection.

#### PREMIER'S REPLY

The official communique states that in the course of his reply, Mr. Chamberlain discussed the views held as to the recent course of events in China and also the suggestions made by the deputation and explained, in detail, the very close way in which His Majesty's Government are following developments in the situation.—British Wireless.

The P. and O. s.s. "Burdwan" left Shanghai on the 25th instant and is due here on the 28th instant at about 6 a.m.

### RUMOURS OF TROUBLE ON U.S. STEAMER

San Francisco, To-day.

There is no labour trouble on board the steamer "Federal," according to the General Steamship Corporation, the agents.

The vessel is loading scrap-iron for Japan, and the fact that a new crew is being sought, led to waterfront rumours that the men may refuse to sail on Thursday.

At present, however, they are continuing work.—Reuter.

### CHINESE RAID ON SOOCHOW

Shanghai, To-day.

Several Chinese planes appeared in the vicinity of Soochow yesterday afternoon and bombed Japanese military posts on the outskirts of the town.—Our Own Correspondent.

### SUBSTITUTE FOR OTTAWA

London, To-day.

Negotiations between representatives of the Government of India and officials of the Board of Trade with a view to a new Anglo-Indian Trade Agreement to take the place of the Ottawa Agreement will be resumed on Thursday.—British Wireless.

## CHINA INCIDENT OUTSIDE SCOPE OF LAWS OF WAR

### Mr. Hirota On Japanese Policy: War Declaration

Tokyo, To-day.

The question of the eventual declaration of war by Japan on China was discussed in the House of Peers yesterday by the Foreign Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota, who declared that the present situation in the Far East did not fall within the scope of the laws of war as defined by international law although there was no doubt that a war on a large scale existed.

Japan, however, differentiated had hitherto refrained from declaring war on China.

Mr. Hirota concluded by saying that even taking into consideration the peculiar situation in the Far East it was the duty of the Japanese Government to carefully watch the attitude of those Powers who still continued to supply arms and munitions to China.—Trans-Ocean.

### BARÓN SONODA CRITICISED

London, To-day.

The anti-British speech delivered in the House of Peers by Baron Sonoda yesterday is severely criticised by the evening newspapers here which see in it a new Japanese threat to England calculated to worsen the relations between the two countries.

Since the conciliatory speech of the Foreign Minister, Mr. Koki Hirota, last week, the situation had shown a tendency to improve.—Trans-Ocean.

### LORD LINLITHGOW CONCLUDES TOUR

New Delhi, To-day.

The Viceroy of India and Lady Linlithgow returned by air to New Delhi yesterday from Hyderabad. They had been on a six weeks' tour of India.—Reuter.

### JAPAN SEEKING CREDITS

London, To-day.

A new drive on the part of the Japanese to secure fresh foreign credits for indirect use in the China war, is mentioned by the "News Chronicle," which points out that Japan apparently has abandoned hope of a direct State loan either from England or the United States.

The Japanese Government's new move is to use private trading companies as a screen behind which to obtain foreign credits.

For instance, the South Manchurian Railway is negotiating in Switzerland with Credit Suisse and other banking concerns for a sub-

#### BOYCOTT ESSENTIAL

New York, To-day.

"A boycott is essential to defeat Japan in her cruel, inhuman and indefensible attack on a peaceful people," stated Senator Norris, of Nebraska, yesterday.

The Senator pointed out that America's import of silk from Japan last year was nearly \$20,000,000.—Reuter.

Repeated representations have been made to the Union Government by the South African Trades Labour Council with a view to preventing sale of Japanese goods bearing no indication of the country of origin.—Reuter.

#### BOYCOTT DECISION

The council, however, deplored the "aggressive and indefensible uncivilised warfare being carried on by Japan," and expressed willingness to employ the anti-Japanese boycott voted at the last Federation conference.—Reuter.

Capetown, To-day.

Propaganda work to achieve a boycott of Japanese goods in the Union of South Africa, is being actively carried on by the Federation of Labour Unions.

The executive council of the American Federation of Labour, now in session here, yesterday rejected a proposal to join Labour groups in Great Britain, France, Switzerland, Sweden, Russia and the Netherlands in an economic alliance against Japan.

Miami (Florida), To-day.



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## ANGLO-AMERICAN TRADE TREATY

The political capital which has been made out of the prospect of an Anglo-American trade treaty appears to have created some anxiety in official quarters in Washington, hence the stress placed in his Liverpool speech, by Mr. Oliver Stanley, that it is a commercial agreement which is being negotiated and not a political pact. No attempt is made to pretend that political importance is not to be found in a step which denotes a common spirit of goodwill among the English-speaking peoples. The fear is, presumably, that should this angle be given greater emphasis than is warranted by the facts—as it has in many parts of Europe—the hard work involved in preparing the ground might be thrown against the suspicious obstructiveness of America's extreme isolationists.

It has been well put: It is a precept of political philosophy that the most effective way to counteract an injurious tendency is to bring a wholesome one in competition with it. Both Britain and the United States have good reason to view the world scene with alarm and anxiety. Everywhere, democracy is subject to attack: treaties are recklessly torn up: world co-operation has given way to nationalist aggression. Mr. Chamberlain and President Roosevelt, in pressing on with proposals for a trade pact, do so principally with the idea of demonstrating that there are more ways of killing a cat than blasting it with cannons or drowning it in butter. For that reason alone, indications such as announcement of a further list of articles which the United States is prepared to admit at a lower rate of duty, that an Anglo-American trade treaty is moving nearer, will be heartily welcomed on both sides of the Atlantic.

Such an agreement, between two of the world's greatest in-

dustrial and trading nations, cannot fail to have any effect transcending the immediate material benefits to the contracting parties. It may be a trade treaty and no more but it will also set an impressive example to the world at large, and make a definite break in that vicious circle of exclusiveness and restriction which has so grievously crippled international trade and hindered recovery from post-war depression. It may set flowing again the currents which have so long been obstructed by the fears and jealousies of an excessive nationalism, and help to re-establish a healthy circulation of the bloodstream of commerce. More even than that, its influence as an act of appeasement, not only by diffusing prosperity, but by increasing friendly intercourse, cannot easily be exaggerated.

It must not be forgotten, however, that the actual conclusion of an Anglo-American trade agreement still remains only a contingency. The thing has been a subject of informal discussion between the two Governments for some months, and as the President of the Board of Trade said at Liverpool on Monday, there are formidable difficulties to be overcome. That they will be overcome seems certain for it is to be presumed that those difficulties were seen to be not insurmountable, given good will. The negotiations which begin early next month are certain to be prolonged, and no agreement could be ready even for initialling much before next midsummer; but it is of hopeful augury that the preliminary discussions have been brought to a satisfactory conclusion more rapidly than had been anticipated. That fact shows that both sides are very much in earnest; and in that circumstance alone the negotiators will find themselves presented with a very exceptional opportunity—an opportunity which may not readily recur in a world where conditions and values are apt to change so unpredictably.

## Joking Permitted

Funny men have never been quite at ease with the B.B.C.; for the radio, like the printed word, cannot convey a wink, a nudge, or a poke in the ribs to reassure those whose sense of humour is limited. In consequence the B.B.C. has suffered critics of its comedians, whatever their tone. Alarmed citizens says the "Daily Telegraph" recently hastened to complain when Father Ronald Knox announced in that famous mock news bulletin that "they are hanging Mr. Winston Churchill from a lamppost in Whitehall." An alarmed magistrature protested when a fanciful sketch was given of a fuddled and muddled J.P.

Life is certainly hard for a comedian, who must be neither too broad nor too sharp, who must abstain from the personal reflection, not less than from the national reflection and, indeed, refrain from bringing any existing institution into ridicule. The very latest protest came from an association of civil servants, outraged that their civility should be thought something rare and strange. It was not a very good joke which they disliked, but it was a joke of sorts, and there will be relief that the B.B.C. has taken a stand. Radio comedians are to be allowed to surprise and jest within limits—not, of course, to take the "rag" between their teeth. Joking is permitted.



# JAPANESE MILITARY AND FUTURE OF CHINA

## Anglo-Japanese Relations Described As "Complex"

### FIFTEEN KILLED IN YESTERDAY'S SHELLING

Canton, To-day.  
Fifteen are believed to have been killed and wounded when two Japanese warships fired over 20 shells into the Namtau area in Po-On District yesterday morning at 10.15 a.m.  
Several small wooden structures were demolished.  
The Chinese replied with artillery and machine-guns, but failed to register any hits.—Our Own Correspondent.

### CONTROL OF CAPITAL DEMANDED

Tokyo, To-day.  
Effective steps to control capital were demanded in the Diet yesterday by a representative of the ultra-rightist Tohokai Party.

The interpellator, who took up the cudgels in defence of Japan's unprivileged classes, was Mr. Torao Miura, virtually unknown outside the Lower Chamber.

He suggested that the alleged severity displayed by the Government in putting down labour and tenant disputes should be shown in treatment of the rich.

He further urged the Government to relax the restrictions on speech and organisations, declaring that no country was ever developed without some dissenting voices within.

#### SUETSUGU'S REPLY

Replying, the Home Minister, Admiral Suetsugu, declared there was no intention of putting down labour and tenant dispute unless they violated the law.

He emphasised that he would not hesitate to suppress those elements which violate the law, "whatever their economic power and social standing."—Reuter.

### FOUR BILLION YEN FOR WAR

Tokyo, To-day.  
A bill providing for an appropriation of 4,000,000,000 yen for special military expenditure in connection with the China Incident, is being submitted to the Treasury within the next two days.

The measure will reach the Lower House early next week.—Reuter.

### MORE PERTINENT QUESTIONS IN THE DIET

Tokyo, To-day.

Japanese troops may be stationed in China after termination of the current hostilities.

This was indicated in the House of Representatives yesterday by the War Minister, General Sugiyama, replying to a query whether or not it would be necessary to have permanent garrisons in China when peace was restored there.

General Sugiyama said: "The Japanese army authorities at present are too engrossed with military operations to consider the question.

"However, we are carefully studying the problem of stationing troops not only in China but also in Manchukuo."

Other important declarations made by members of the Cabinet yesterday included Mr. Hirota's statement that Japan's four peace terms, made public by him on Saturday, would form the basis of any future peace negotiations, Mr. Hirota's disclosure that the Japanese Government intended to demand full indemnification by China for damages suffered by Japanese nationals there, and Prince Konoye's emphatic declaration that the Japanese Government had never itself directly proposed peace to the Chinese Government.

#### GOVERNOR-GENERAL?

Questions asked by Mr. Yoshiro, the independent Member of Parliament who is widely known as a religious leader, included: "Does the Government intend to appoint a Governor-General in North China to give political guidance to the authorities in that region?"

"Will it be necessary to station troops in various parts of China and reorganise these military units as colonial troops?"

"Are the four peace proposals announced by Mr. Hirota also submittable to the new regime which is expected to appear?"

"Did Japan desire peace through a third party late in October when fighting was still in progress at Shanghai?"

#### PREMIER'S REPLY

Mr. Yoshiro also referred to the German Government's statement on Jan. 19 which said that both the Chinese and Japanese Governments had expressed a desire for German co-operation in reaching a peaceful settlement.

Replying, the Premier said that Japan "might consider establishment of certain machinery for extending political guidance in North China at the opportune time."

He said the Japanese Government had consistently sought China's reconsideration from the beginning of the Incident to Jan. 16, when it issued a statement enunciating its China policy.

"The Government never itself proposed peace to the National Government."

#### NEW ERA

Prince Konoye continued that Japan is now entering on a new era

with the present Incident as the turning point, and therefore the Government must carry out reforms necessitated by the new conditions.

"Firstly, all reforms must be carried out in fields directly connected with the China Incident."

#### BRITAIN AND JAPAN

Amplifying the Premier's reply, Mr. Koki Hirota said that the causes of the present conflict were "very complex, and so are relations between Britain and Japan."

He said he did not believe that

### ABORIGINES OF HAINAN IN TRAINING

Canton, To-day.

The "Canton Gazette" publishes a report from Hainan that 10,000 Miao and Liao aborigines of the southern part of the Island are undergoing an intensive course of military training as home guards.

The report adds that these aborigines show much enthusiasm to fight the Japanese, and that when they have completed their training they will be drafted for the front.—Reuter.

Britain would "formulate a short-sighted policy based on untoward happenings which were reported from time to time."

The Japanese Government formerly was prepared to negotiate peace with China, had the Central Government sent a delegate.

"Germany only offered her good offices of mediation."

The Central Government, however, "failed to seize this last opportunity," and therefore both the German and Japanese Governments, after consultation, issued statements on January 19 revealing the nature of the diplomatic moves.—Reuter.



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Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen, the retiring British Ambassador to China, who was wounded when his car was attacked by Japanese warplanes, arrived in London on January 8. He has almost completely recovered, and expects to remain in London for a few months only. He is at present staying with his wife and children at the Goring Hotel, S.W. Photo shows Sir Hughe Knatchbull-Hugessen photographed out for a walk in the park with his son Norton on January 9. (Copyright: By Air Mail).

# MR. EDEN OPPOSES W

## Britain And France NEPHEW' In Complete OF JEW Agreement

Paris, To-day.

The British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Anthony Eden, who is en route to Geneva for the League Council meeting, had conversations with M. Camille Chautemps (French Premier) and M. Yvon Delbos (Foreign Minister) at the Quai d'Orsay yesterday.

A communique was issued after the talks stating that the international situation was examined in all its aspects, and that the three Ministers found themselves in complete agreement regarding the manner they contemplate the questions to be discussed at the League Council meeting.

Mr. Eden and M. Delbos left for Geneva at 10.20 last night.

It is understood that the Anglo-French conversations discussed, in very cordial manner, the questions of Spain and the Far East, and also the question of joint or similar statements in regard to the League Covenant.

It is understood the effect of the impending statements will be to strengthen, rather than to weaken, the Covenant, and there will be no question of modifying Article XVI. —Reuter.

### POLITICAL IMPORTANCE

Paris, To-day.

Political circles here attach considerable importance to the Paris conversations between the British Foreign Secretary, Mr. Eden, the French Premier, M. Chautemps, and the French Foreign Minister, M. Yvon Delbos.

It is thought that above all, the question of reform of the League of Nations by dropping Article 16 relating to sanctions was discussed at the request of several smaller Powers.

The Far East conflict also claimed the attention of Mr. Eden, M. Chautemps and M. Delbos.

Political circles think that there is the possibility of the Council considering the reappointment of the so-called Committee of 23. This Committee was set up to deal with the Manchuria conflict.

It is further thought that the Ministers will consider the report of the former Belgian Prime Minister, M. Paul Van Zeeland, which is

to be published to-morrow. It contains suggestions for creating an organisation to bring about international economic and financial co-operation. —Trans-Ocean.

### 100TH SESSION

London, To-day.

That neither Britain nor France desires to make use of the 100th session of the Council of the League of Nations, which will be opened to-day by the President, the Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs of Iran, for a political demonstration of loyalty to the League principles has been borne out by the outcome of Monday's meeting of the British Cabinet.

According to the London press yesterday morning, an attempt will be made to avoid anything in the nature of a political demonstration. It is hoped in fact that the session will confine itself strictly to the agenda without raising thorny questions.

### BRITAIN AND U. S. MANOEUVRES

The "Daily Telegraph" understands that apart from the Spanish and Far Eastern issues, the British Cabinet also discussed at its Monday session the question of Anglo-American relations whereby it was decided to send two British cruisers to represent the British Navy at the forthcoming American Naval manoeuvres in reply to the courtesy shown by the United States in sending two cruisers to the British manoeuvres at Singapore. —Trans-Ocean.

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In the afternoon taining the jeweller missing and was la bath were some of was found. A rep was made late in Monday, defendant a wardrobe in a Eastern Hotel. In found the jewellery lice to a jewellery sold two bangles that he had given



HON  
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### KING OF THE ROYAL MOUNTED

FOLLOWING THE THEFT OF ECCENTRIC MRS. DEE'S DIAMOND AND THE POISONING OF HER SERVANT, KING PLACES KAY BLANE, A GUEST AT THE SWANKY RESORT, UNDER TECHNICAL ARREST, BUT...

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HUH! SUICIDE! I KNEW SHE STOLE MY DIAMOND! SEARCH THE ROOM AND GET IT FOR ME, SERGEANT!



NOT SO FAST, MRS. DEE! HOW IS MISS BLANE, DOCTOR?

By Zane



SHE'LL LIVE QUEER 'AB BLANE DRA



# EAKENING COVENANT

## S THEFT HUNDRED DEAD JEWELLERY AND WOUNDED IN ICHANG RAID

aged 22, was this before Mrs. C. B. Magistracy with three gold brooches, eight diamonds, two rubies, \$270 in and \$100 in Shang-

guilty but said he mentioned in the

Howman said Chuen, arrived five months ago, 7, Caine Road. De- visited her about Thursday, he call-

money. nt again on Friday two days. On Sun- out 11 a.m. but re- n with the family, stomach-ache. At he house.

the suitcase. con- y was found to be ter found under the the other jewellery port to the Police the evening and on was found hiding in room at the Great

his overcoat was 7. He took the po- shop where he had or \$240 and stated two rubies and a

gold chain to another man, but when the address given by the defendant was visited, the man was not there. De- fendant had given the Police every assistance. The case was remanded for 48 hours.

Hankow, To-day.  
A reliable foreign source states that approximately 100 were killed and injured in the Japanese air raid on Ichang on Monday.

The port, it is stated, was taken by surprise when the Japanese raiders appeared.

It being the first raid Ichang had experienced, the populace did not pay much attention to the air alarm, and went about their daily routine as usual until the raiders were overhead.

H.M.S. Tern, the river gunboat under Lt.-Comm. G. G. Pugh-Cook, at present is stationed at Ichang.—Reuter.

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## KAISER-I-HIND TO MAKE LAST TRIP IN APRIL

London, To-day.  
The liner "Kaiser-i-Hind," last pre-War vessel of the P. and O., will be withdrawn from the run in April when she will make her last trip to England from Japan.

She broke the record for the run between Plymouth and Bombay on her maiden voyage.

She was one of six vessels which went to the rescue of the French liner "Georges Philippar" in 1932 in the Gulf of Aden.

The French vessel, it will be recalled, was burnt out on her return to France after the maiden voyage to the Far East.—Reuter.

## LI CHUNG-YEN'S NEW POST

Hankow, To-day.  
The Executive Yuan of the National Government decided at a regular meeting yesterday to appoint General Li Chung-yen, the Kwangsi military leader, as civil Governor of Anhui Province in addition to his present military duties.

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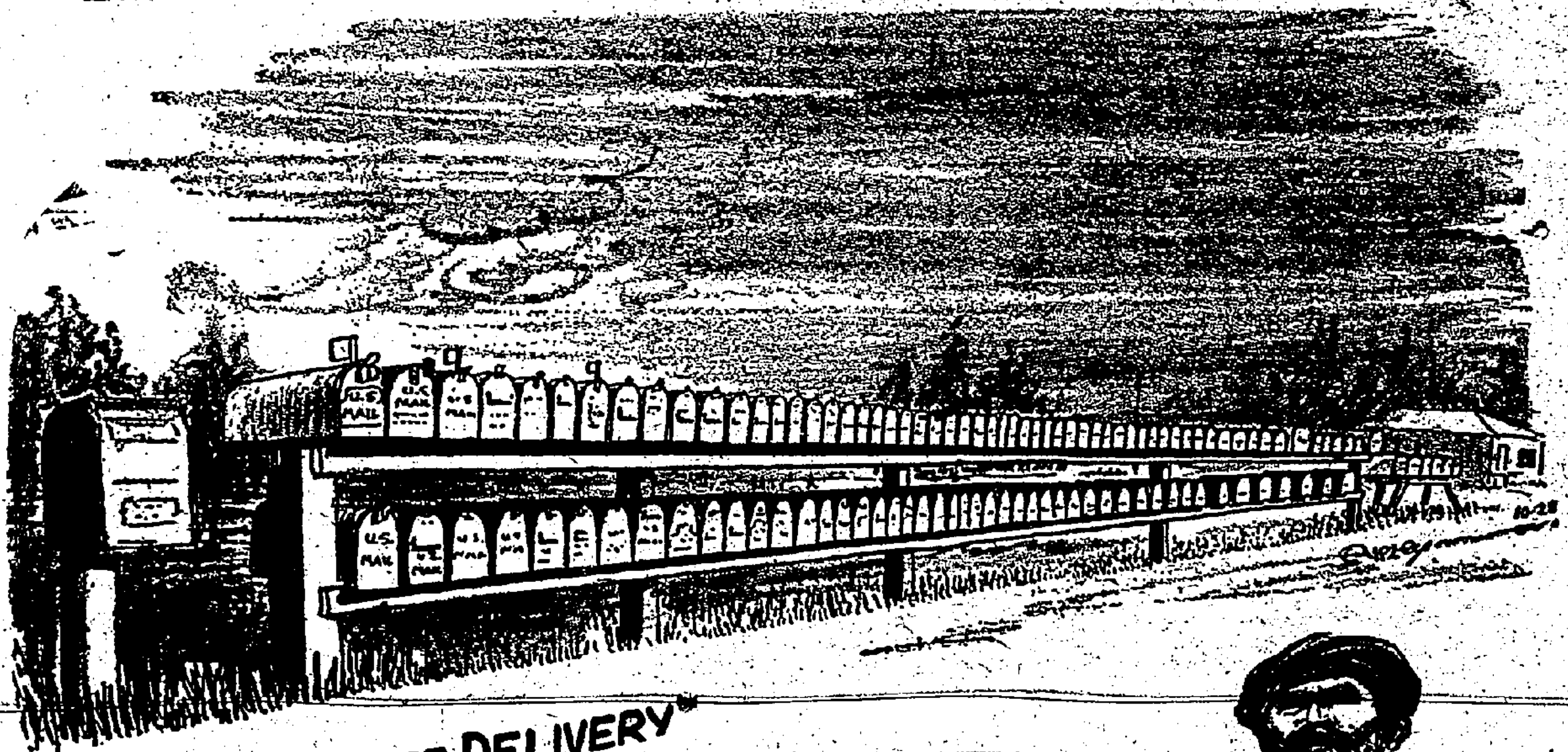
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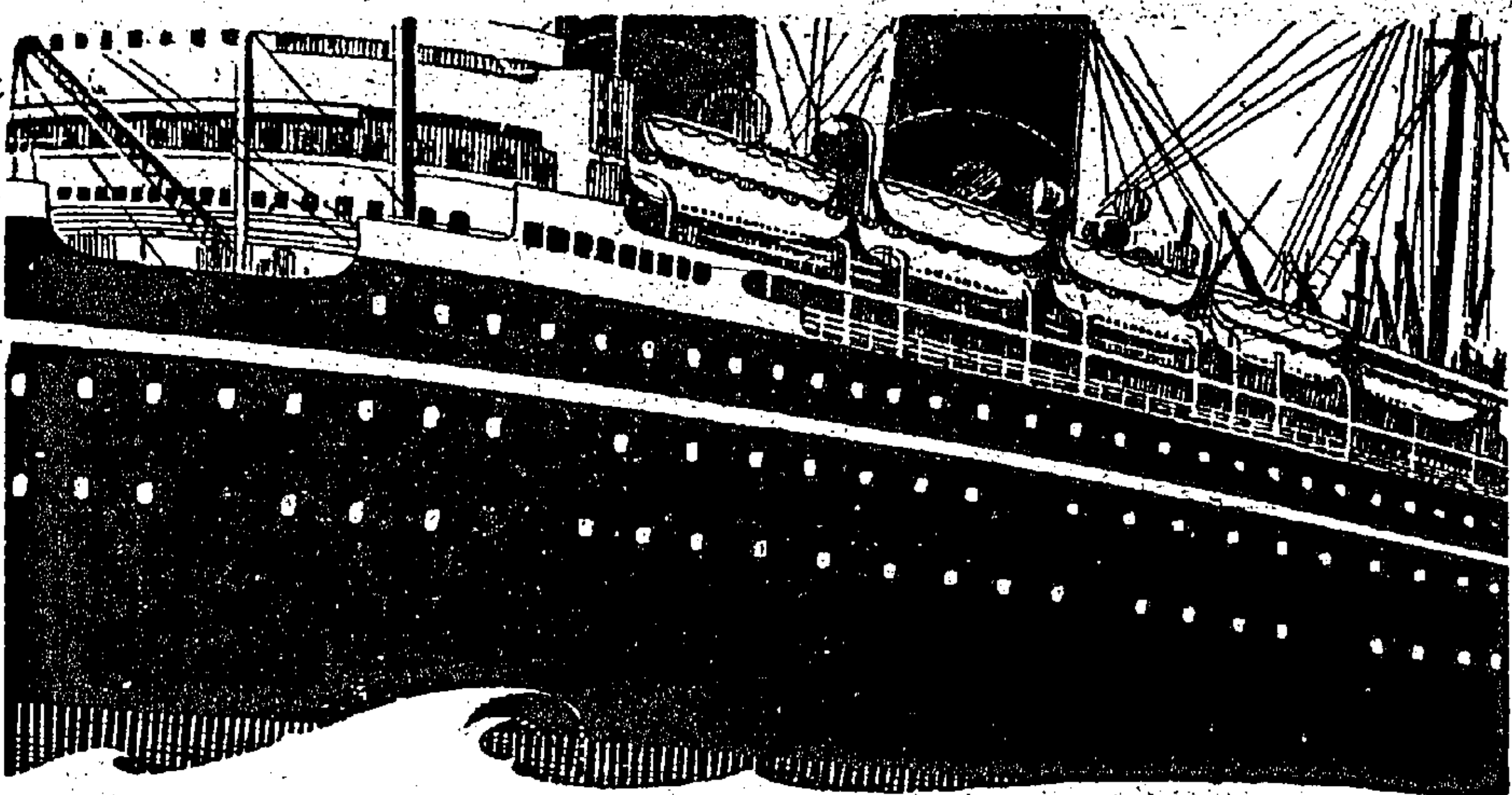
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SANTHIA	8,000	3rd Feb.	Amoy and Japan.
COMORIN	15,000	4th Feb.	Shanghai and Japan.
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Swatow	Hupei	January 26.
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Straits	Anhui	January 26.
Shanghai	Glenbeg	January 26.
Straits	Somali	January 26.
Japan	Alipore	January 27.
Calcutta and Straits	Yuensang	January 27.
Amoy	Shirala	January 27.
Japan	Nellore	January 27.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan and Shanghai (Vancouver B.C., date 8th January)	Emp. of Asia	January 27.
Japan and Shanghai	Burdwan	January 28.
Japan and Formosa	Hakone Maru	January 28.
Straits	Conte Rosso	January 28.
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Kongmoon & Pakhoi (via Kongmoon)	G.P.O. and K.P.O.	
Foochow via Swatow	Reg.,	Jan. 26, 2 a.m.
Swatow, *Shanghai and Tientsin	Ord.,	Jan. 26, 9.30 a.m.
Straits	Fook On	Jan. 26, 10 a.m.
Bangkok	Yochow	Jan. 26, 8.30 a.m.
Shanghai and *Japan	Chaksang	Jan. 26, 12.30 p.m.
	Toyooka Maru	Jan. 26, 1.30 p.m.
	Mui Hock	Jan. 26, 4.30 p.m.
	Somali	Jan. 26, 5 p.m.
<b>Thursday</b>		
Fort Bayard	Wing Wah	Jan. 27, 10 a.m.
Kongmoon & Pakhoi (via Kongmoon)	Tai Lee	Jan. 27, 11 a.m.
Samshui and Wuchow	Kongso	Jan. 27, 8.15 a.m.
Swatow and Bangkok	Yingchow	Jan. 27, 10.30 a.m.
Amoy and Shanghai	Kaying	Jan. 27, 3.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Chungking by the "C.N.A.C. Airways Direct Service."	C.N.A.C. Plane	Fri., Jan. 28,
	Kowloon P.O.	
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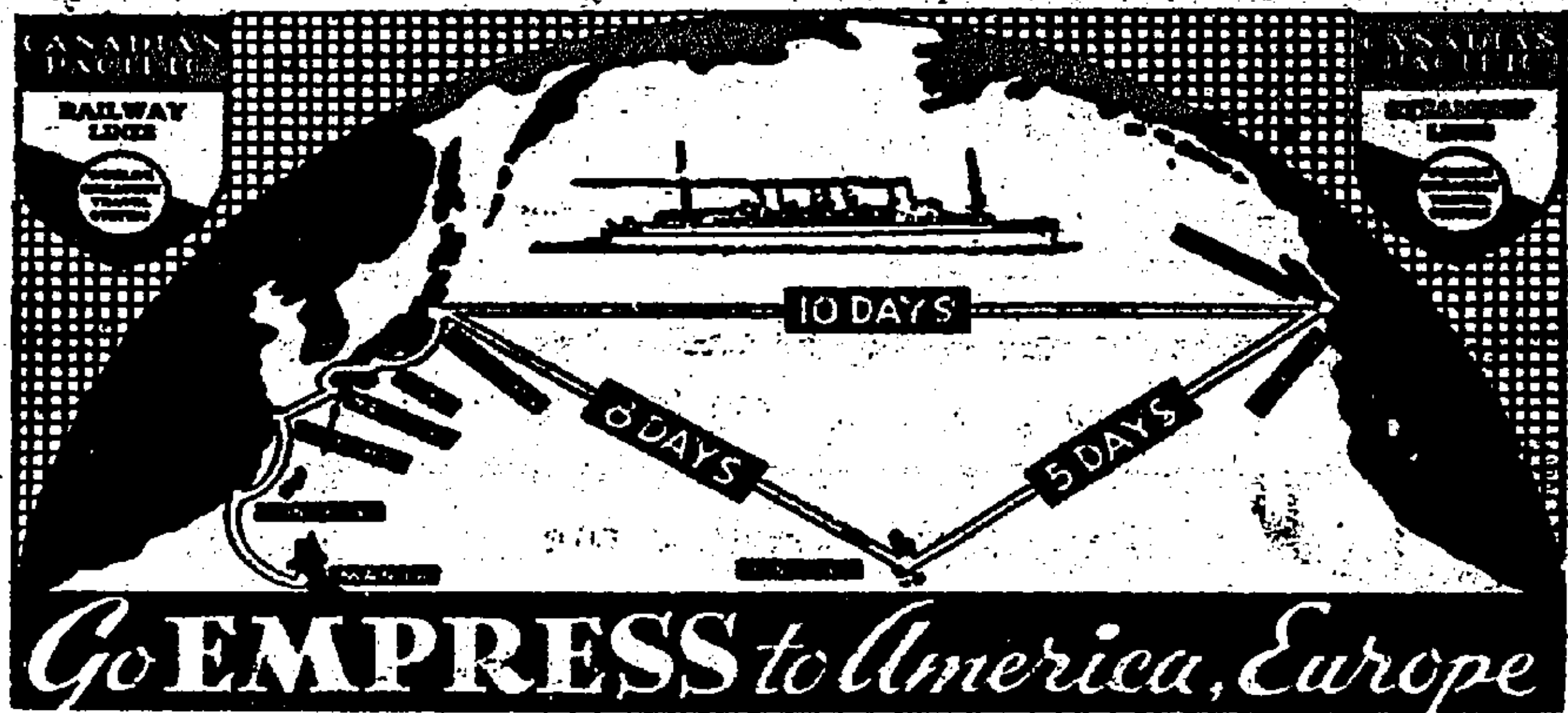
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## EXCHANGE OF CONDEMNED MEN IN SPAIN

London, To-day

News that, at the week-end, the first stage in what it is hoped may be an extensive exchange of prisoners between the two sides in Spain was successfully accomplished, has been received with much satisfaction in London.

As the result of negotiations in which British diplomatic representatives in Barcelona and at Hendaye have played an important part, together with officials of the International Red Cross, the first batch of 41 Basque prisoners held by the insurgents under sentence of death were put across the French frontier, while simultaneously 41 held by the Government authorities were also transferred to French territory.

In accordance with the agreements which have been under negotiation, it is expected that this transfer, when completed, will be followed by others and that this initiative will not be the last of the humanitarian efforts in which British representatives have participated during the long months of the Spanish civil war.—British Wireless.

## MISS CAPELL AND LONDON HOSPITAL

Miss D. Capell writes:—I would very much appreciate it if you would publish the following letter as a matter of general interest. It is in reply to my letter to the London Hospital enclosing a Draft for £10 out of the proceeds of Miss Violet Capell's Dancing Display last November.

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E. 1.

21st December 1937.

Dear Miss Capell,—I am indeed sorry to hear that your sister is in hospital. I do hope she will soon be restored to health.

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With all good wishes for the coming year and the sincere hope that all the trouble and misery in the Far East may soon be a thing of the past,

Believe me,

Yours very truly,

Sgd: W. H. GOSCHEN,

Chairman.

## LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar this morning was 1/2%.

"Spot" silver was quoted in London yesterday at 20 and forward at 19-13/16.

The London on New York rate was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.9965 and the New York on London rate £—U.S.\$4.99%.

## Singapore Raw Rubber

Messrs. H. B. Joseph and Co. have received the following quotations in Straits Currency for Raw Rubber:

Feb./March 24% b.

April/June 25% b. Up ¼.

July/Sept. 25% b.

Market:—Steady.

## PRICE-RAISING GESTURE OF RUBBER MARKET

London, To-day.

Considerable excitement prevailed on the London Rubber Exchange yesterday following announcement of the reduced quota for the second quarter, and prices generally were marked up a farthing, and in some cases, five-sixteenths of a penny.

Speculators, however, decided to take quick profits, and consequently the best levels were not fully held.

The market generally welcomes the Committee's action, which is interpreted as a gesture in order to raise the price.

The opinion is held that an average quota of 65 per cent. for the first half of the year makes ample allowance for maintenance of United States consumption around the current level, but if American industry revives, to any material extent, there will be no question but that consumption will outstrip production.—Reuter.

## LOCAL SHARE MARKET

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations this morning:—

### BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1485 b., \$1480/90

Bank of East Asia \$82 b.

### INSURANCES

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Atoks Ps. 24½ sa.

Baguio Gold Ps. 21½ sa.

Benguet Consol. Ps. 9.80 sa.

Coco Grove Ps. 54 sa.

Consolidated Mines Ps. 0.11 sa.

Demonstrations Ps. 40½ sa.

I. X. L. Ps. 62 sa.

Paracale Gumaus Ps. 20 sa.

San Mauricio Ps. 55 sa.

Suyoc Consol. Ps. 18 sa.

United Paracales Ps. 48 sa.

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Peak Trams (Old) \$6½ b.

Peak Trams (New) \$3¾ s.

Star Ferries \$86 b.

Yauwatti Ferries \$24 b.

China Lights (Old) \$10.70 sa.

China Lights (New) \$7.40/50 sa.

H. K. Electrics \$54 b., \$54½ sa.

Telephones (Old) \$25.80 b.

Telephones (New) \$8.60 b.

### INDUSTRIALS

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# THESE OPENING BATSMAN ENIGMAS

## RECREIO AND K.C.C. WOULD BENEFIT BY SOME RESHUFFLING INDIANS' BATTING IMPROVEMENT

### CRAIGENGOWER TROUNCE NAVY

(By "ADREM")

**T**HE cold, bleak weather of last Saturday evidently had an adverse effect on Senior League batsmen. In any event, all matches reached a definite conclusion for the first time this season.

**THERE WERE NO BIG SURPRISES, ALTHOUGH I MUST CONFESS THAT THE COMPLETE ECLIPSE OF THE NAVY BY CRAIGENGOWER, EVEN ALLOWING FOR THE ABSENCE OF WHITMARSH, WAS SOMEWHAT UNEXPECTED.**

Recreio did very well against Club, who have been far from convincing of late, and only lost by 41 runs. The Portuguese team, in dismissing the entire Club side, are the first side this season to do so.

Club would have been in a sorry plight on Saturday had not "Peanut" Marshall compiled a singularly useful 75 against some steady bowling by "Spotty" Pereira. In partnership with Alec Pearce, Marshall added 68 runs for the third wicket and in all, found the boundary on eight occasions.

Pereira bowled very well indeed, conceding only 46 runs in 15.4 overs, while capturing four wickets. He was well supported by A. M. Prata, who went on late and took 4 for 25.

It was exceedingly unfortunate for Recreio, in view of the fine form he has shown with the ball of late, that Eddie Gosano was forced to retire from the field after bowling only one over. I understand that the old leg injury which was worrying him just prior to, and during the last Interport game in Shanghai, has recurred, and I fear that he will be able to do little further to aid Recreio's attack for the remainder of the season.

#### JOHN PEARCE BOWLS WELL

Set to score 143 runs for a win, Recreio were tied into small knots by John Pearce, whose vicious leg-spinners were almost unplayable. Reed, Silva, Prata and Rodrigues



did their best, but 101 was all that was realised.

I fail to reconcile the policy of the King's Park club in putting Albert Rodrigues in as far down the order as of late, with his current form. While not being particularly spectacular with his scores, he has nevertheless collected his twenties with fair regularity when other members of his side have failed. Before he went to Europe, his consistency as an opening bat was causing him to be freely mentioned for the Interport team in that capacity.

#### SHOULD OPEN

In view of his experience and eminently sound defence, my feeling in the matter is that he should displace E. M. L. Soares as number one in the order, and partner W. A. Reed. With these two to take the edge off an attack and further sound bats like P. M. N. da Silva and A. M. Prata to follow, there is no earthly reason why they should not be given a very decent start in practically all their



A. M. RODRIGUES

matches and then allow their brilliant but erratic merchants, like Soares and Eddie Gosano, try their hand at knocking tired bowling around.

Whilst on the subject of opening bats, the relegation of Teddy Fincher from No. 1 to No. 5 in the K. C. C. batting order strikes me as being a tactical error. Admittedly Teddy has not been playing with any great regularity recently and has no score higher than 18 to his credit in the League.

#### MOST CONSISTENT OPENING BAT

I also notice that he has not opened the batting on one occasion. He has been an opening batsman—the most consistent in the Colony—as far back as I can remember. Those Cricketers who HAVE occupied that position with any regularity, will appreciate the difficulty in becoming accustomed to batting lower down the order, especially if it is necessary to wait for any great length of time for one's innings.

There has been a decided lack of consistency in K. C. C.'s batting to date and I think it distinctly unwise of Anderson to so much as risk losing the runs which I feel certain would come from Fincher's bat, were he to occupy his normal position.

#### A DASHING BATSMAN

It may be argued that he does not score fast enough and it is necessary, in view of Anderson's painstaking methods, for the latter's partner to be a dashing performer who either gets runs quickly or gets out. Fincher is a dashing batsman. He has all the strokes behind the wicket and drives as powerfully as anyone in the K.C.C. team. There is very little doubt that he would be a decided improvement on Tommy Madar, who has opened in the last two games, and who in my opinion would make far more runs at No. 6 than he has made at No. 7.

Be that as it may. Against Civil Service, K.C.C. who batted first, were at one time definitely behind the clock. When Anderson was dismissed for 42, it was almost 3.30 and the 100 was nowhere near reached. O'Brien, however, hit out merrily and had a six and seven boundaries in an extremely useful innings of 68 not out and a declaration was made at 157 for 8.

#### WORKMANLIKE MANNER

Civil Service set about their task in workmanlike manner, Colledge displaying fine judgment in both attack and defence for 39, and Griffiths and McLellan making useful twenties, but Burnett, going on second change, dismissed both of them and started a rot which soon made it evident that a draw was all that could be hoped for. Not until the last over had been called was the last man dismissed, amid great excitement, to leave K.C.C., worthy winners.

Without Whitmarsh's steadying influence with the bat, Navy proved no match for the keen Craigen-gower side and were well and truly beaten by 9 wickets. "Tinker" Lee



E. C. FINCHER

and Billimoria bowled far too well for the Senior Service and had not A. B. Herbert hit out lustily for 20 at No. 11, their total would have fell a good deal short of the 73 that was finally realised.

#### BIG PARTNERSHIP

Fred Lee and Francis Zimmern were then associated in a second wicket stand of 101 after A. R. H. Esmail had been dismissed cheaply, whereupon, Ernie Zimmern reversed his order and gave some of his tail-enders a knock.

One of the outstanding features of the present season has been the extraordinary improvement in the I.R.C. batting. Always possessing a powerful attack and keen fielding side, the Indians, although they would make far more runs at No. 6 than they have made at No. 7.

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## WALES RUGBY FIFTEEN TO MEET SCOTLAND

CLAUDE DAVEY  
"DROPPED"

London, To-day.

The following will represent Wales against Scotland in the second match of the International Rugby series, at Murrayfield, on Saturday, February 5.

V. G. J. Jenkins (London Welsh); W. H. Clement (Llanelli), J. Idwal Rees (Swansea), W. Wooller (Cardiff); A. Bassett (Aberavon) and H. Tanner (Swansea); Cliff Jones (Captain), W. J. Travers (Newport), E. Morgan (Swansea), H. Rees (Cardiff), E. Watkins (Cardiff), H. McCarty (Newport), A. M. Rees (London Welsh), H. Vickery (London Welsh) and F. L. Morgan (Swansea).

Scotland's fifteen against Wales is as follows.

George Roberts; A. H. Drummond, Dick; Macrae, J. G. Forrest, Shaw, T. F. Dorward; J. B. Borthwick, J. D. Hastie, Inglis, Horsburgh, Roy, Young, Duff, and W. H. Crawford.—Reuter.

Wales are at present leading in the present series, having defeated England at Cardiff last Saturday by a goal, two penalty goals and a try (14 points) to a goal and a try (8 points).

Claude Davey provided the outstanding feature of the game with magnificent tackling, and the dropping of him in favour of Wooller, comes as a surprise.



## THIS WEEK'S SOCCER PROGRAMME

The following is the League Football fixtures for the next week end:—

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29

First Division  
Kowloon Chinese v Seaforths  
(Kowloon, 4 p.m.).

Referee:—MacCormac.

Linesmen:—Stone and Phillips.  
Middlesex v Kowloon  
(Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.).

Referee:—Ip.

Linesmen:—Edwards and Brothwell.  
Club v Eastern  
(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.).

Referee:—Omar.

Linesmen:—Hobson and F. G. Smith.  
St. Joseph's v S. China "B"  
(Causeway Bay, 4 p.m.).

Second Division

Eastern v Club  
(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.).

Referee:—Silva.

Kowloon v South China  
(Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.).

Referee:—Clarke.

Middlesex v Seaforths  
(Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.).

Referee:—Youngs.

Engineers (C) v Police  
(Military, 2.30 p.m.).

Referee:—Farr.

Kwong Wah v 5th Bde. R.A.  
(Chatham Road, 4.15 p.m.).

Referee:—Dove.

SUNDAY  
JUNIOR SHIELD (REPLAY)

Navy v Engineers  
(Causeway Bay, 4 p.m.).

Referee:—Havelaar.

MONDAY, JANUARY 31

(CHINESE NEW YEAR)  
Sunday Herald Charity Cup

China v Scotland  
(Caroline Hill, 3.30 p.m.).

Referee:—Martin.

Linesmen:—L. A. French and Johns.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

First Division  
South China v Police  
(Caroline Hill, 4.15 p.m.).

Referee:—Finch.

Linesmen:—Barretto and Morecroft.

Second Division  
5th A.A. Bde. R.A. v Engineers  
(Sookunpoo, 4.15 p.m.).

Referee:—Havelaar.



The Hong Kong Hockey Club first eleven, above, will meet the Battalion team from the Rajputana Rifles this afternoon on the Club ground, commencing at 4.45 p.m. Standing (L. to R.) V. M. Benwell, E. V. Reed, G. E. R. Divett, V. Bond, J. E. Potter, S. A. Fowler, R. L. Wallace, W. A. Bates. (Kneeling) W. A. Reed, T. S. D. Whitley and B. I. Bickford. ("Mail" photo).

## WHEN CONFIDENCE LEFT QUIST HE WAS EASILY QUASHED UNUSUAL TACTICS OF DONALD BUDGE

December 23.

After witnessing Quist's form in practice, his timing of the ball, and execution of his strokes, I thought he would give Budge a great match. However, after displaying the form I had expected for two sets, he faded out, and was defeated 4-6, 7-5, 6-1, 6-0.

As soon as the match began the Australian struck top form, and proceeded to give his best display for a long time.

His serving and forehand driving carried great speed, and were perfectly controlled. His volleying was most decisive, and his backhand impressive. Quist's perfect timing of the ball resulted in great pace, accuracy, and placement, which had Budge constantly in trouble and on the defensive.

Down the centre to the baseline or short across court near the side lines sped the ball from the Australian's back or forehand. He repeatedly followed these strokes to the net, and volleyed the defensive returns for winners off both sides as the American tried to pass him.

Budge, in this way, lost many points, and was also forced into many errors by the high-class ground stroking of Quist.

DAINGEROUS POSITION

This type of play gave Quist the first set, and gained him a 4-1 lead in the second, which was a most dangerous position even for the mighty Budge.

However, the red-headed American is a noted fighter, and at this stage he launched an attack on Quist's vulnerable "sliced" backhand, which completely changed the aspect of the match, and gradually undermined the confidence of the Australian.

The American pressed home the attack by going to the net following severe deep drives to his opponent's backhand. This brought defensive returns that were easily volleyed for winners by Budge.

Despite a marvellous backhand passing shot by Quist, Budge was undismayed, and he soon evened the score at 4-all.

SUBDUED

Budge had now subdued the Australian, who seemed to have lost confidence in his backhand.

He made very short defensive returns, which presented little difficulty for the severe ground strokes of the American.

After winning one more game Quist lost this set 7-5, and the standard of his play lapsed considerably.

His ground strokes lost their speed, accuracy, and length. Consequently, he was not able to offer

any resistance to the fast serving and severe ground strokes of Budge, who rapidly concluded the match by easily winning the next two sets with the loss of only one game.

GREAT CONFIDENCE

An outstanding feature of Budge's play was his confidence in

## CHINA TEAM FOR 'SUNDAY HERALD' CUP SEMI-FINAL

The following will represent China in the Semi-Final Round of the "Sunday Herald" International Charity Cup Competition against Scotland on Chinese New Year's day at Caroline Hill ground:—

Wong Wing; Mak Shui-hon and Lee Ting-sang (Capt.); Lau Hing-choi, Lam Tak-po and Leung Wing-chui; Yeung Shui-yick, Fung King-cheong, Chan Tak-fai, Soong Ling-sing and Hau Ching-to.

Reserves:—Cheong Kim-fai (Kowloon Chinese), Lau Chong-sang, Tam Kwan-kom, and Cheong Moon-wing.

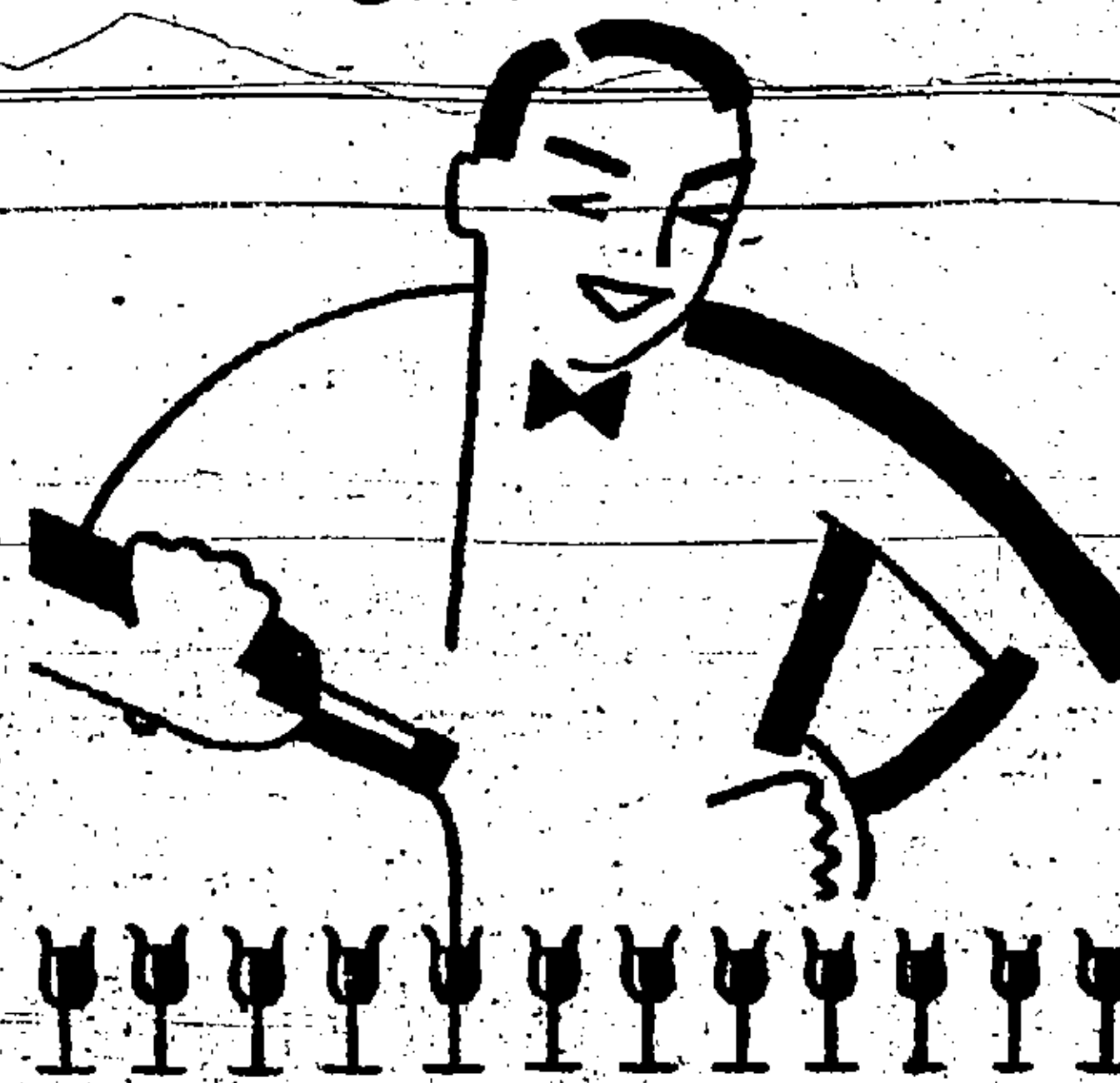
his ground strokes.

Despite the brilliant net attack of his opponent, which placed the American in a dangerous position, he never "lobbed" once, electing to overcome the attack of Quist by severe ground strokes alone.

The result of the match clearly shows how his rather amazing tactics succeeded.

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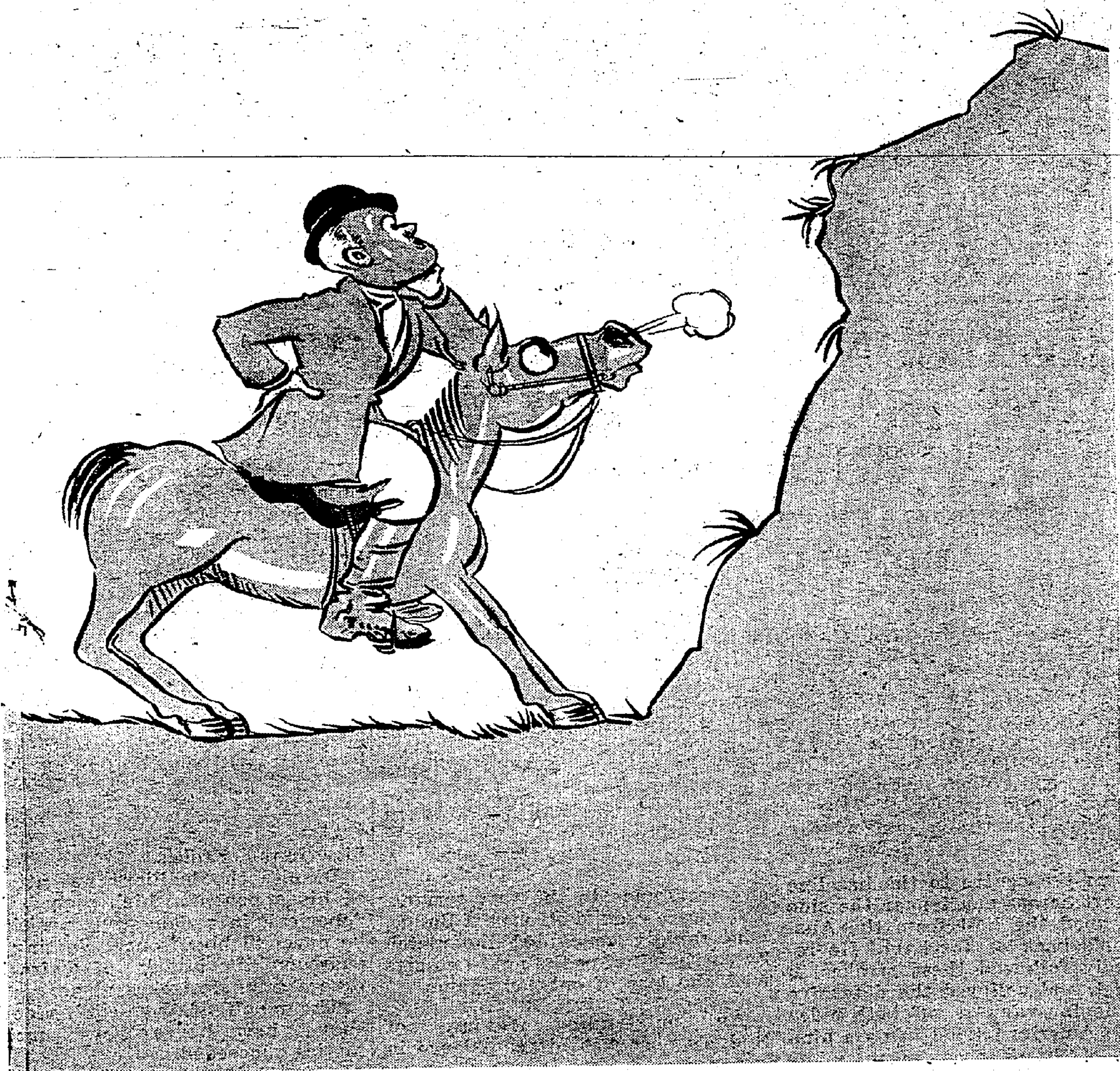
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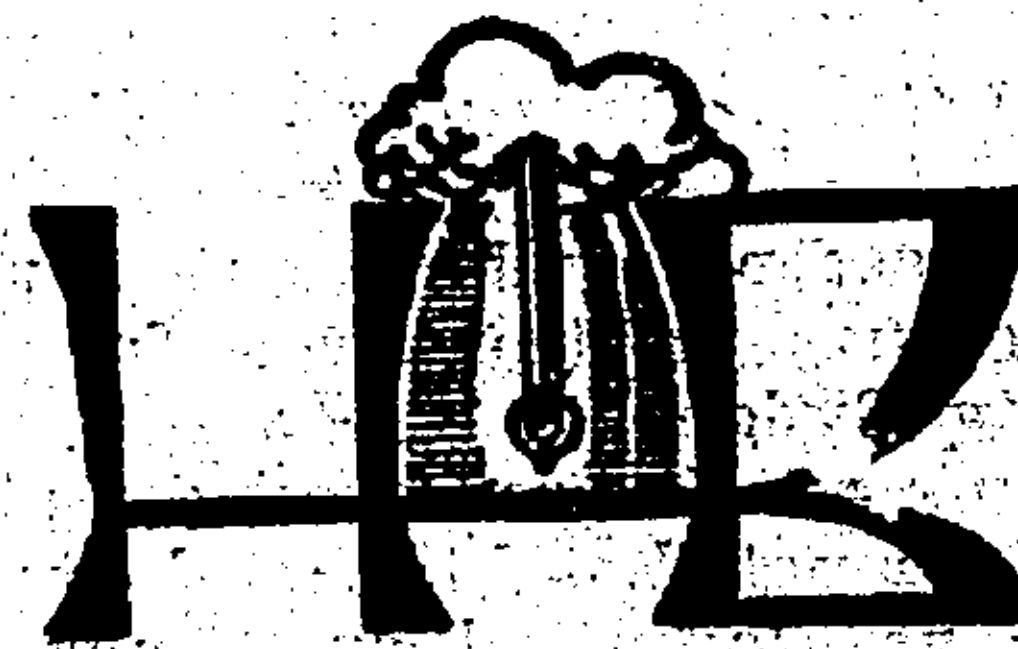
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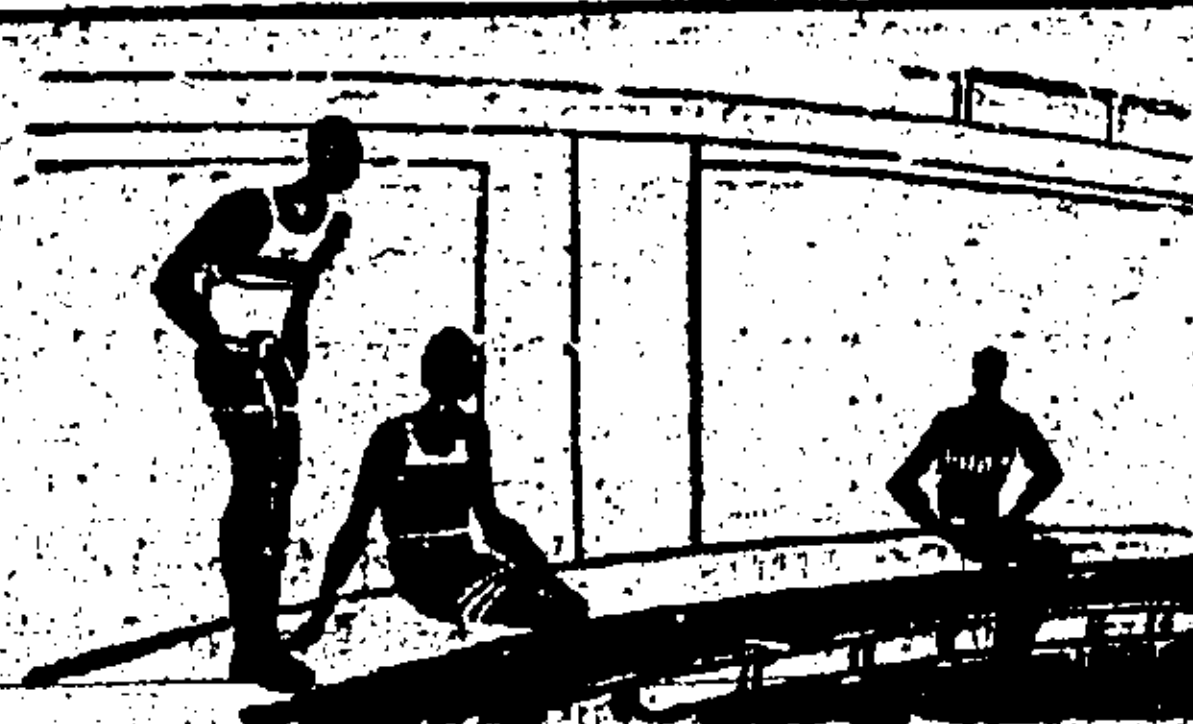


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The Peebles girl swimmer, Margaret Smith, has had a good season after being off swimming for a long time through an accident. She has won the 50 and 100 yards Eastern Counties titles and the Border Women's Championship.

E. C. Garland (rec. 20) beat P. G. Sloan (rec. 30) in the first round of the Stock Exchange billiards handicap by 250-212 last night.

## AUSTRALIAN DAVIS CUP HOPES ARE REVIVED!

MATCHES AGAINST  
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## BROMWICH COMING WORLD CHAMPION

Writing in the Sydney Referee of December 23, Sir Joynton Smith states: The Davis Cup position, as it affects Australia, has changed in a flash. When the Cup team returned from their unlucky and disastrous tour abroad public opinion was more or less apathetic. The players had the sympathy of everyone in their illnesses. But it was felt that the younger ones, in a sense, had to begin again to develop their best form and rekindle the fighting spirit that can rarely be shown when the men are wearied by too much match play.

Form here a little while back indicated that the tour-tiredness had not disappeared. But within a few weeks things have changed. There is once again that buoyancy about the big games and leading Australians which is a corollary of success—not necessarily victory.

The lawn tennis of D. Budge and G. Mako and their breeziness have been the tonics to revive Australian form in both singles and doubles.

### CONFOUNDED CRITICS

Enthusiastic crowds in Sydney last week saw Australia defeat America in the three-day match by four rubbers to one, or 13 sets, 95 games, to 5 sets, 72 games. The weather was perfect, so were the courts. The play of the Australian was of so high a class that it confounded critics who had considered Davis Cup possibilities in 1938 to be hopeless.

## "B" BADMINTON LEAGUE TO BE DECIDED?

### Recreio Meet St. John's

If St. John's can beat Recreio at King's Park in their return "B" Division fixture, to-night, the championship without any further doubt, will be theirs.

Both sides will be fielding their most powerful combinations but despite the advantage of playing at home, Recreio are unlikely to beat the well-balanced St. John's team which has only lost one match to date.

The following are the teams:—

St. John's:—A. J. Bennitt and F. H. Kwok; G. A. Smith and A. Keown; Peter Wilson and Norman Smith.

Recreio:—C. N. da Silva and P. N. da Silva; H. A. Noronha and M. M. de V. Soares; J. Ribeiro and E. A. R. Alves.



# INTERNATIONAL SOFTBALL SERIES START NEXT SUNDAY

## FILIPINOS AND CHINA "A" FORECASTED TO WIN DAY'S GAMES

### TO-DAY'S "SPOTLIGHT"

(By "SHORTSTOP")

THERE will be a slight alteration in the schedule for the International Softball Series which commence next Sunday, January 30. Instead of the first game being played on the C.B.A., ground, it will be played on Club de Recreio's ground.

The Hong Kong contingent will have to be on their toes when they meet the Filipino boys, if they want to be in the final. There is small likelihood that the local boys will defeat the Islanders, but as it takes only one run to win a ball game, nothing definite can be said until the end of the last inning.

The Machine Gunners, who form the nucleus of the Hong Kong squad, have taken to the game like ducks to water, and they have learnt the patois of the sport so well that their repartees are usually twice as good as their opponents. Their sportsmanship has been commendably noted upon during the season and the Softball League is looking forward to their entrance next season.

#### SURPRISE PACKAGE

There will be a surprise package for the Portuguese team when they meet the Americans, on Monday, for the preliminary round. The Americans have a full line-up of baseball players whose powerful pegging in the infield leave nothing to be desired.

The Portuguese battery will be A. V. Gosano, famous all-round athlete, and "Fats" Mendonca. Both have played a lot of baseball locally, while Gosano has stayed away from the game for a few years. "Fats" was seen at the initial sack for the strong Volunteers Baseball Club last season, and did sterling work for his team.

Included in their line-up will be familiar names to baseball fans, such as H. A. Barros, who played for the Americans in 1926; Beltrao, second sacker for the Volunteers; "Spotty" Pereira; Figueiredo; Campos; C. F. Remedios; J. Gonçalves and A. M. Rodrigues.

#### CHINA "A" TO WIN

China "A" should romp home victorious over Britain on Sunday, January 30, at 10 a.m., on the C.B.A., ground. The British are fielding the C.B.A., team that wound up in the cellar in the League and they haven't much hope of beating the strong Chinese nine, who are the first string men of the different Chinese teams in the local League.

#### "SPOTLIGHT"

John Anthony Delgado, catcher for the Canadian Chinese Club, was born in Hong Kong in 1905, and attended St. Joseph's College.

In school, Johnny was interested only in baseball and football. He



George Chow, above, the energetic President of the Hong Kong Softball League, and outfielder of the Canadian Chinese Club.

learnt his baseball from the big Japanese names of the old days: Hachuima, "Shorty" Ishimatsu and Murata. He started catching for Ishimatsu back in 1925, and it can easily be seen that Johnny had some good coaching in the way he works behind the bat.

After he left school, he joined up with the Filipino Baseball Club and played with them until the team was disbanded. He has played with the Volunteer team since then, but as Johnny feels that the years are rolling along too rapidly he hasn't taken the game as seriously as heretofore.

#### FOOTBALL CAREER

Johnny really distinguished himself in football, captaining the St. Joseph's third division team during '26-'27, and winning the trophy for that season. He later moved up to first division and has played there until recently.

He is on the sports committee of the Battery Section of the Volunteer Defence Corps, and it is quite likely that with Fred Simonsen, another baseball enthusiast in the Corps, a baseball team will be organised for next season.

Johnny is not a member of the Canadian Chinese Club, of course, but he had to play softball and that was the first team that asked for his services.

He did sterling work behind the



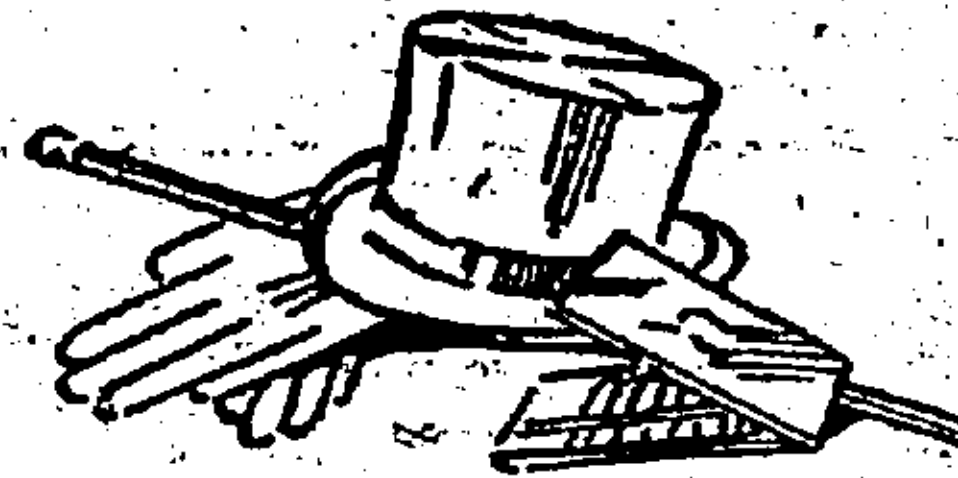
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# Cricket

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cess in previous years, have never been too happy about their batting.

At the moment, S. A. Ismail, Nazarin and Kitchell are batting with great consistency and the result has been a series of comfortable victories. Nazarin, who made 80 against Army on Saturday has

bat and surprised even his most ardent supporters. Now that he has kept his arm in shape all winter, he will be seen in action again when the baseball season rolls around. As Johnny says, he'd "rather play baseball than eat!" which is about as enthusiastic as anyone can be over any sport.



made the following scores in his four League innings:—

v Navy	10
v C. C. C.	67
v C. de R.	30
v Army	80

In addition to Nazarin, Kitchell made 41 and assisted by 24 from Extras, I.R.C. declared at 179 for only 4 wickets.

Army ran up against A. H. Madar in his best form and were quickly shot out for 83, MacLagan and Hobkirke being the only double-figure scorers.



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None But The Weary Heart (Tschai-kowsky).  
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1 p.m.—Local Time Signal & Weather Report.  
1.03 p.m.—Excerpts from Puccini's Operas.  
"Tosca"—Selection.  
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"La Boheme"—Masetta's Waltz Song ..... Grace Moore.  
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I'm Putting all my Eggs in One Basket ..... Boswell Sisters.  
Cinderella (A Burlesque Fantomime).  
Eddie Atherton, Berta Wilmet, Bobby Comber, Leonard Henry and Company.  
"Follow The Fleet"—Selection.  
Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra—Reginald Foort at the Organ.  
2.15 p.m.—Close down.  
6.7 p.m.—Chinese Programme.  
7 p.m.—Dance Music.  
Foxtrot—The Night is Young, and You're so Beautiful.  
Waltz—Seal it with a Kiss.  
Roy Fox and his Orchestra.  
Foxtrot—Angel of the Great White Way.  
Tango Foxtrot—Where the Cafe Lights are Gleaming.  
New Mayfair Dance Orchestra.  
Foxtrot—You Gotta know how to Dance ..... Harry Roy & his Orch.

7.15 p.m.—London Relay—"Take Your Choice." A weekly Entertainment Feature presented by William MacLurg.  
7.45 p.m.—London Relay—A Theme and a Song. Songs about Boots and Shoes—The Boy, The Girl, and the Trio with Joe Marais and His Band.  
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.  
8.03 p.m.—Studio—Harry Talbot (Baritone) and A. T. Lay (Piano).  
1. Early Morning.  
The Little Waves of Baffny (Graham (Peel) ..... H. Talbot.  
2. The Holy Boy (Ireland).  
A. T. Lay.  
3. Fill a Glass With Golden Wine. Love's Philosophy (Quilter).  
H. Talbot.  
4. Composition by Balfour Gardiner.  
A. T. Lay.  
5. "Hills" (La Forge) ..... H. Talbot.  
8.25 p.m.—New Mayfair Orchestra and Frances Langford.  
"Happy Memories"—Selection.  
Orchestra.  
It's Like Reaching for the Moon.  
Long Ago and Far Away.  
Frances Langford.  
Globe Trotting with the Tiger.  
New Mayfair Orchestra.  
"Going Greek"—Selection.  
New Mayfair Orchestra.  
8.50 p.m.—Talks on Australia's 150th Anniversary Celebration by The Rt. Hon. William Morris Hughes and the Rt. Hon. B. S. R. Stevens.  
9 p.m.—London Relay—Stars of Australia. Australian artists who have become famous in the theatre introduced by Dudley Glass. The Artists include Florence Austral, Peter Dawson, Midge Elliot, and Cyril Pritchard. Production by F. C. H. Pifford.  
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.  
9.50 p.m.—Beethoven's Kreutzer Sonata in A Major. Played by Albert Sammons and William Murdoch.  
10.25 p.m.—Conchita Supervia (Soprano).  
La Zingarella (Paisiello).  
Pastora (Mirandó).

Un Barberillo Allegre (Prado).  
Sentir Gitano (Arenillas).  
10.33 p.m.—Organ and Choral Music.  
Traumerei (Schumann).  
Andantino in D Flat (Lemare).  
Edwin H. Lemare (Organ).  
Mystic Woods (Based on "Raymond" Overture).  
The B.E.C. Wireless Chorus with Orchestra.  
The Question.  
The Answer (Wolstenholme).  
Reginald Goss-Custard.  
Fantasia—The Storm (Lemmens).  
Harry Goss-Custard.  
11 p.m.—Close down.

## JAPAN MAY RECOGNISE CATHOLICISM

As One Of 3 Official Religions

Paris, Jan. 18.  
The Japanese Diet will probably discuss the bill providing for the recognition of the three official religions in Japan: Buddhism, Shintoism, and Catholicism.  
This statement was made here today by Monsignor Ghika, a prominent missionary in the Far East, during a lecture on "Japan and Catholicism," under the auspices of the "Catholic Intellectual Centre."  
Monsignor Ghika estimated that there are about 270,000 Catholics in Japan, out of which about 150,000 are in Japan proper.  
He emphasized that Catholics were always welcomed by the Emperor, one of whose parents is a Carmelite.

## BRIDGE NOTES

By ELY CULBERTSON

## Lucky Bad Bids

Bridge contains one paradox over which experts often marvel. It is just this, that a bad bid, or a series of bids, rarely receives as severe punishment as bids that are only slightly off colour. Witness the hand shown below. The bidding was not perfect and the final redouble was, to put it mildly, aggressive. But who in all this world could imagine a result like the one that actually followed?

South, dealer.

North-South vulnerable.

### NORTH

S.—A K Q  
H.—Q 6  
D.—K Q J 10  
C.—J 10 9 5

### WEST

### EAST

S.—J 9 8 4  
H.—7 5 3  
D.—8  
C.—A 7 4 3

### SOUTH

S.—None  
H.—A K J 10 3  
D.—9 6 5 3  
C.—K Q 8 6

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 heart	Pass	3 diamonds	Pass
3 hearts	Pass	3 no trump	Pass
4 clubs	Pass	5 clubs	Pass
5 diamonds	Pass	5 hearts	Pass
6 hearts	Double	Pass	Pass
Redouble	Pass	Pass	Pass

As stated above, none of the bids recorded was so bad as to be be-

yond the pale. South's opening certainly was sound. North's jump take-out was a shade light, but only a shade. South's heart rebid was, of course, correct, as was North's following three no trump. South's four club bid was by no means illogical. He had a good heart suit; a distributional fit with partner's diamonds, and no losing spades. Certainly South's hand and the bidding that had gone before warranted tentative slam investigation. North's club raise was proper. South's belated diamond support does not meet with my approval, but neither was it atrocious. South should have reasoned that if North could not use the four-five no trump convention over the four club bid, and could not jump to a slam directly, that he (South) could do no more. But, as I have said, it was not out of the question for South to show that he had diamond support. North's five heart answer to this further slanting of South's was quite correct. Again, I think that South should have dropped the bidding at the five level, but I have seen many worse bids than his actual six heart response. The redouble, of course, was entirely too aggressive. For that matter, so was West's double, which was based on nothing but his assumption that North and South each held four clubs and that therefore the lead of the ace and another club would result in a ruff by East. As it happened, it resulted in much more than that! East ruffed the second club and laid down the diamond ace, then led another diamond. Declarer and dummy agonized while the defenders merrily ran off the first eight tricks with their minor suit aces and three ruffs apiece.

The penalty of 4,000 points was, I believe, all out of proportion to the crime that had been committed, and the 100 honours were somewhat inadequate compensation.

## What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE QUEEN'S—"Kid Galahad"—With Edward G. Robinson, Bette Davis, Humphrey Bogart, Wayne Morris and Jane Bryan. A gripping drama that has as its theme that every woman has the right to make a fool of herself over a man—once.

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The Register of Shares of the Company will be CLOSED from Thursday, the 3rd February, 1938, to Thursday, the 10th February, 1938, both days inclusive.

By order of the Board of Directors.

F. H. CRAPNELL,

Secretary.

Hong Kong, 26th January, 1938.

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# ALL HONG KONG TRADE RECORDS BROKEN: JAPAN LOSES SEVENTY PER CENT.

All records for Hong Kong trade, calculated in local dollars, were broken during 1937, official figures released this morning reveal.

Combined imports and exports of merchandise exceeded \$1,084,000,000, which compares with \$803,000,000 in 1936 and \$636,000,000 in 1935. In sterling, trade was valued at £66,900,000 in 1937, compared with £50,600,000 in 1936 and £61,400,000 in 1935.

How severely Japan has been hit is strikingly revealed in the figures for December trade. Japan's share of imports totalling \$49,300,000 was only \$1,798,121 (as compared with \$7,687,643 in December, 1936) representing a loss of more than 70 per cent.

In spite of the fact that Japan's trade in Hong Kong in the first eight months of 1937 was the greatest during the period of phenomenal increase since 1931, at the end of the year the official figures disclosed that Japan's share of the total trade of the Colony had fallen to 9.4 per cent. as compared with 12.8 per cent. in 1936.

## REMARKABLE RISE

In terms of local currency the total visible trade of the Colony increased by 35.0% in 1937 as compared with 1936, and by 70.5% as compared with 1935.

\$617.1 (£38.1) millions in 1937 as compared with \$452.4 (£28.5) millions in 1936 and \$365.0 (£23.3) millions in 1935; whilst exports totalled \$467.3 (£28.8) millions in 1937 as compared with \$350.9 (£22.1) millions in 1936 and \$271.0 (£16.1) millions in 1935.

In terms of local currency imports of merchandise in 1937 increased by 36.4% as compared with 1936, and by 69.1% as compared with 1935; whilst exports increased by 33.2% as compared with 1936, and 72.4% as compared with 1935.

## TREASURE MOVEMENT

Imports of merchandise totalled Total movements of treasure

## TRAM DIVIDEND

The Directors of Hong Kong Tramways Limited have announced, for recommendation at the Annual General Meeting of the Company to be held on the 18th February, next, a Final Dividend of 60 (sixty) cents per share. This makes a total Dividend of 90 (ninety) cents per share for the year 1937 and after providing for Depreciation, amounts written-off, all other charges and appropriating a sum of \$100,000.00 to General Reserve Account leaves, subject to Audit, a balance of \$115,882.90 carried forward to next year.

amounted to \$781.6 millions in 1937 as compared with \$216.5 millions in 1936 and \$254.7 millions in 1935: imports accounting for \$386.4 millions as compared with \$72.7 millions in 1936 and \$38.8 millions in 1935, and exports \$395.2 millions as compared with \$143.8 millions in 1936 and \$216.0 millions in 1935.

Of the total declared imports of merchandise into the Colony during the year 1937, China accounted for 34.2% as compared with 33.6% in 1936; United Kingdom 7.6% as compared with 6.4%; U.S.A. 8.4% as compared with 7.1%; French Indo-China 6.6% as compared with 5.7%; Australia 2.2% as compared with 2.0%; Belgium 1.6% as compared with 1.5%; and "Other Countries" 11.2% as compared with 7.7%.

## DECEMBER FIGURES

During the month of December, 1937, imports of merchandise amounted to a total of \$49.3 millions (£1.1 millions), as compared with \$44.7 millions (£2.8 millions) in December, 1936: a dollar increase of 10.3% and a sterling increase of 10.7%; whilst exports totalled \$45.8 millions (£2.8 millions), as compared with \$34.8 millions (£2.2 millions); a dollar increase of 31.6% and a sterling increase of 27.3%.

The total values of imports and exports of merchandise by countries for the month of December, 1937 are shown below, the figures for December, 1936 being given in brackets:—

	Imports	Exports
U. K. ....	3,805,090 (2,844,766)	2,109,084 (2,095,698)
Australia ...	1,102,630 (784,032)	266,739 (199,318)
Canada .....	620,644 (179,779)	308,110 (343,671)
India .....	550,987 (640,759)	317,168 (443,887)
British Malaya .....	561,641 (936,539)	4,012,221 (3,042,839)
B. N. Borneo .....	231,686 (211,670)	149,405 (92,556)
Belgium ....	446,354 (280,549)	55,674 (91,138)
China, North ..	7,244,183 (7,853,301)	4,715,966 (3,354,283)
China, Middle ..	755,807 (657,152)	2,068,482 (1,392,483)
China, South ..	12,411,030 (7,668,041)	14,499,098 (8,225,163)
France .....	675,818 (123,795)	912,379 (127,704)
Indo-China ...	2,407,060 (2,588,202)	1,229,822 (1,828,686)
Germany ....	2,144,241 (1,793,356)	1,615,681 (182,394)
Holland .....	411,349 (290,525)	634,641 (233,921)
Italy .....	123,109 (140,558)	15,199 (1,750)
Japan .....	1,798,121 (7,687,643)	721,583 (2,151,390)
Kwong Chow Wan .....	661,150 (496,182)	824,915 (1,049,413)
Macao .....	1,252,795 (649,676)	1,779,000 (1,328,374)
Neth. East .....	2,897,498 (3,976,631)	1,355,408 (1,086,447)
Philippines ..	201,519 (135,449)	799,410 (1,063,478)
Slam .....	1,274,949 (2,659,215)	922,242 (1,100,060)
U. S. A. ....	6,413,407 (1,411,909)	4,720,619 (3,632,836)

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